

CEDAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Cliff Nelson

FEBRUARY



2025

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR CLIFF



I want to take this time to thank you for the cards, prayers and support during my surgery and after the surgery. I especially want to thank all the persons who did a wonderful job of putting together the worship services during my surgery and immediately following. It's an affirmation of the very capable leadership of this congregation who made sure everything was in place for a meaningful and uplifting time of worship.

It's been a month since the surgery and I'm healing well but also realize it's going to take a while before my strength fully returns and everything is back to normal. Your continued encouragement to take care of myself during this time of healing is appreciated.

All of this reminds me of the importance of our church community. And I'm reminded we need each other. We are not created to be self sufficient but to be a part of a community. In the book "When Hope Comes" by Donna Aust sums it up well for me. "God wants us to be in community encouraging and spurring one another forward in faith. We are called to pray with and for one another (James 5:16), to carry each others burdens (Galatians 6:2), to lovingly warn each other of sin (1st Thessalonians 5:14), and to rejoice and mourn with each other (Romans 12:15)." So I thank God for the journey we share together remembering we truly need each other.

*In Christ,
Pastor Cliff*



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MISSIONS

Thank you to all of you who participated in our Noisy Sunday offering for the California fires. UMCOR will use the funds to help with food and housing needs for those who lost everything in the wild fires.

Our next Noisy Sunday will be on February 23 and will be for Simpson Shelter. Simpson has been providing shelter to homeless individuals since 1982. We have provided meals for them in the past in their shelter at a church in downtown Minneapolis and have started talking about doing so again. We will provide more information as we work out the details. Thank you again for your prayers and generosity.

Junelle and Sue

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

UWF, United Women in Faith

Our women's group will meet on February 11 at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome. We will discuss plans for serving at Hope for Youth, collections for the nursing home residents we have connected with and ideas for social activities. We hope to see you there.

Connie and Junelle

FELLOWSHIP

The fellowship committee will once again try to have a shortened progressive dinner on March 8, 2025 starting with appetizers at someone's home at 4:30 and then onto desserts at another home so we will have a signup sheet for that. Also, there will be a game day right after church on March 16th. Bring one of your favorite games if you wish and we'll provide some sort of refreshments.

The Cedar United Women of Faith and the Fellowship committee would like you to join us on Feb 27th to a Feed My Starving Children event at 401 93rd Ave N.W., Coon Rapids, from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. It's like group therapy as you all join to fill bags of dried ingredients to send overseas to fill hungry little ones. It is fun, it is raucous, it is noisy, along with some fun competition. There will be a signup sheet.

<https://www.fmsc.org/reserve-spots-confirmation?sgid=3453257>



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MEMORIAL

DID YOU KNOW.....

Our beautiful kitchen cabinets were donated by George and Leona Williams and their family. They were longtime members of Cedar Church. Leona will always be remembered by her singing voice and her amazing ability to whistle.

We cherish and respect every gift.
The Memorial Committee

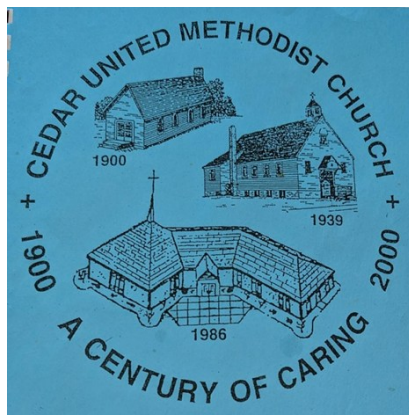


HISTORIAN

2025 is our Quasquicentennial anniversary as a Church. 125 years.

From our humble beginning of a neighborhood gathering in homes on Sundays for Sunday school and worship we have served the area for 125 years. The original church was constructed in 1900 in the town of Cedar and was there until June of 1939 when a tornado hit the town. The church was rebuilt in 1939 and dedicated in 1940. In 1986 we moved into the present Church Building in Ham Lake.

I feel it is important to celebrate our contributions to the communities of Cedar, Soderville, Ham Lake and surrounding areas. Let's start planning our celebration. Please contact someone on the Fellowship Committee or Bob Heavirland.





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FIX IT CLINIC

On Saturday, March 1st, Cedar UMC will be hosting the first Anoka County Fix-It Clinic in 2025. Have broken stuff lying around? Don't trash it - fix it! Come to one of the Anoka County Fix-it clinics to meet in person with an expert fixer to repair your favorite items. Get help repairing lamps, coffee makers, clothing, vacuums, and much more!

Please no dehumidifiers, thank you.

<https://www.anokacountymn.gov/3432/Fix-It-Clinics>

NOTES FROM MARTY

Hi all. We will be doing a special music service on Feb. 23rd to help get us through the last month (hopefully) of winter. We are calling it Praise and Worship Sunday! We will have a few extra musicians and will do Praise and Worship style hymns. The choir will also be doing an anthem from that style. Amy and Marty have a special surprise for the Offering! I think the majority of the music will be familiar to you, but to help you out, if you go to You tube and type the following three songs into the search bar and take a listen to each one, it will help you to be familiar with them for singing at the service. Depending on feedback after the service, this might become an annual thing. We'll see! One of my goals here always, is to present a variety of music to try to appeal to all that come through our doors. Here are the 3 songs: You Are My All in All, Lord Reign in Me, and Who You Say I Am.

Marty

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Dear all school age kids, our February outings are coming up. 2 for this month but #1 will most likely change from outdoor snow fun to mostly inside, craft and game day. Without snow and temps either way to cold or to warm to cause slushy ice rinks, we will stay at church and enjoy our bag lunches, from home, and then play some games, make a craft, play outside a bit on swings. Since not really much Sunday School in January, due to travel and sports, we will make our invitations for the Friday, Feb 28th special dinner at 6 pm held at our church, for our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles etc. This is our own Thank you and Happy Valentines Day to our own families, by serving them our homemade "fancy" dinner!

We are learning to give back and serve others as God has taught us to serve others! Please mark your calendars, parents, to join in the fun!

Thank you, Amy and Lorraine



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**Free-will
Offering**

**Door
Prizes!**

**YOU ARE
INVITED**

FEBRUARY 16 | 11 AM

All are Welcome!



**ITALIAN ENTREES PROVIDED
SIGN UP TO BRING A SIDE DISH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
(OPTIONAL) CALL 763-434-7463 FOR MORE INFORMATION**





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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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| 2/2 | Aggie Gazvoda |
| 2/4 | Pam Taylor |
| | Lorin Yenor |
| 2/5 | Craig Stern |
| 2/6 | Sheila Holmquist |
| 2/7 | Kassidy Childers |
| 2/11 | Karen Stern |
| 2/12 | Cozette Karkinen |
| 2/13 | Ila Webster |
| 2/15 | Jarrett Miller |
| 2/17 | Connie Robillard |
| 2/19 | Lucas Kacer |
| 2/23 | Mike Criswell |
| | Bob Hansen |

CARING & SHARING

Attention all musicians out there! It is the time to start serious planning for this year's Caring & Sharing Ladies Luncheon. Title is ONCE UPON AN APRON.

This is also to honor the 1940s Greatest Generation; WW11 events, women putting aside their aprons to put on factory overalls, going to work to support war efforts, Rosie the Rivitor made her debut, Big Band sounds were there, Swing dancing was awesome to watch, rationing of various materials & food. Those grandmas and mothers that were still at home got out the aprons to fix meals with what they could for children, new work forces and some soldiers making it home!

We will enjoy the times, sadness and Victories through those 1940s. Watch for more info and join us Saturday April 26 at 11am.

So, looking for anyone who has a talent with bands, Glenn Miller-i-ish etc, saxophones, horns, singing talent, like Andrew's Sisters, etc, to help with entertainment. Just let us know if you can help or know of someone who loves to entertain us.

Thank you, Ladies of C & S group, Lorraine



FERUARY 2025

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2. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school Communion	3. 6:00 pm Caring & Sharing	4.	5. 2:30 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Bells	6. 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting	7.	8.
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9. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday	10.	11. 2:00 pm Trustee Meeting 5:30 pm UWF	12. 2:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	13. 7:00 pm Piecemak- ers	14. Valentines Day	15.
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16. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday 11:00 am Valentine Lunch	17. Presidents Day 6:00 pm Caring & Sharing	18.	19. 2:30 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Choir	20. 6:30 pm Ad Council Meeting	21.	22.
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23. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday Noisy Sunday for Simpson Shelter	24. 6:00 pm Caring & Sharing	25. 6:00 pm Book Club	26. 2:320 pm Bible Study	27. 5:00 pm Feed My Starving Children 7:00 pm Piecemakers	28. 6:00 pm Children's Fancy Dinner
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