

WELCOME TO CEDAR CHURCH

We are glad you're here. As a church family, we're delighted you have joined us for worship today. Below you will find some information to help you during our Sunday Services. If you need any assistance, please ask one of our ushers for help.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Cedar Church strives to enjoy God through Spirit-empowered and Christ-centered worship. The Bible is sincerely loved, and we hope that you will find it opened up to you in a fresh and faithful manner each Sunday.

NURSERY

Childcare is available in the nursery, located west of the sanctuary, for children up to three years old. A Mother's Lounge, located directly across the hall, provides a quiet space for feeding, changing, and resting infants. A cry-room, equipped with a live stream, is available directly across from the nursery. Children are always welcome in the service.

COFFEE BREAK

After morning worship, please join us in the fellowship hall for coffee and refreshments.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Following snack time with parents in the Fellowship Hall, children from ages 2 through 6th grade have a short time of singing in the basement before they meet for Sunday School. Sunday School classes are available for all ages after morning worship.

Guests are especially welcome!

(Please see locations of individual classes within.)

HOW TO REACH US

FOR SPIRITUAL HELP

ELDERS@CEDARCHURCH.ORG

FOR PHYSICAL ASSISTANCE

DEACONS@CEDARCHURCH.ORG

FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE

616-669-9951 OR OFFICE@CEDARCHURCH.ORG

FOR ASSORTED NEEDS (SCAN THE QR CODE HERE)



CEDAR CHURCH

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MEETING AT

2025 Baldwin Street
Jenison, MI 49428
616-669-9151

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Pastor Steve Igo | steveigo@cedarchurch.org | 616-308-4799

Morning Worship Service

9:30 AM

Prelude		
Bn	Welcome & Announcements	
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The Living God Calls Us to Worship		Psalm 30:4
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We Enter Into God's Presence		
In Song*	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	(vv.1,2,3,5)
In Prayer*		Prayer of Approach
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God Speaks to Us		
In Scripture		Matthew 1:1-17
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We Respond in Humility		Prayer to Confess Sin & Assurance of Pardon Hebrews 10:19-22
In Song*	<i>Joy Has Dawned</i>	
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God Feeds Us		
In Scripture		Psalm 22:1-18
In Sermon	BLUE CHRISTMAS COMPLAINTS	
	Jonathan Loerop Guest Preacher	
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We Respond in Commitment		Prayer of Application
In Song*	<i>He Will Hold Me Fast</i>	
In Giving	General Fund & Children's Christmas Offering	Tithes & Offering
In Prayer		Congregational Prayer
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God Blesses Us		
Benediction	God Himself is With Us	Hymn 382 (v.2)

* denotes standing

Evening Worship Service

5:30 PM

Prelude		
Welcome & Announcements		
The Living God Summons Us		Psalm 147:1
We Enter Into God’s Presence		
In Song*	<i>Good Christian Men Rejoice</i>	
In Prayer*		Prayer of Approach
God Welcomes Us		
In Scripture		Apostles' Creed
We Respond in Consecration		Prayer to Confess Sin & Assurance of Pardon Hebrews 7:24-25
In Prayer		
In Song*	<i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	
God Feeds Us		
In Scripture		1 Samuel 8
In Sermon	THE TRAGIC PURSUIT OF WORDLY AMBITION	
		Trent Hordyk Guest Preacher
We Respond in Commitment		Prayer of Application
In Song*	<i>My Worth Is Not In What I Own</i>	(vv. 1-4)
God’s & Our Communion Meal		The Lord’s Supper
In Song*	<i>How Deep the Father’s Love for Us</i>	(vv. 1 & 3)
In Giving	General Fund & Children’s Christmas Offering	Tithes & Offering
God Blesses Us		
Benediction	Benediction (May the Peace)	

*denotes standing

Birthdays and Offering Metrics

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER

- 6 – Kenneth Gardner (3)
- 13 – Matthew Nichols Jr.
- 18 – Marla Broek
- 19 – Allen Reitsma (3)
- 19 – Abigail Mulder (15)
- 25 – Josiah Mulder (17)
- 28 – Lily Maxfield (17)

General Fund	Last Week	\$10,412 / \$8,681
	3 Week Average	\$15,190 / \$8,681
	YTD	\$397,456 / \$403,889
Deacons Fund	Current Balance	\$12,053 / \$15,000
Last Week's Special Fund	none	\$0
Tuition Assistance	Current Balance (Code: Tuition)	\$22,000 / \$22,000
Ascension General Fund	Last Week	\$2,386
	3 Week Average	\$1,817
	YTD	\$47,995.00

5 Ways to Give at Cedar Church

1. Give by offering plate
2. Give in-person in the foyer offering box.
3. Mail a check to: Cedar Church, 2025 Baldwin St., Jenison, MI 49428
4. Give online: www.cedarchurch.org/give
5. Give by text: Text 'amount code' to (616) 208-4889 (ex. text '50 general' to give \$50 to the General Fund)

Cedar Announcements

Today

- 9:30AM In-Person & Online Worship Service
- 10:45AM Fellowship & Refreshments
- 11:15AM Children's Program
- 5:30PM In-Person & Online Worship Service
- 6:45PM Youth Christmas Party

Upcoming Benevolent Offering

Dec. 28 – Deacons' Fund

For a complete calendar of events go to cedarchurch.org/calendar

Children's Christmas Offering Today Dec. 14 – This year's children's Christmas Offering will again be collected for the Matt and Annette Cummings family for their ministry at The Joy Center in Sendai, Japan. The offering will be collected this Sunday, December 14, but gifts can be given for the Cummings any time through January 4, 2026 by noting that the gift is for the Children's Christmas Offering on the memo line of the check. As you give, please remember to pray for the ministry of the Cummings family in Japan.

Sunday Lord's Supper

– We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the evening service. All baptized, professing Christians who are communicant members in good standing of a Bible-believing church are welcome to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Wine is placed in the center & middle of the tray and grape juice on the outside ring. All elements are gluten free. Safely-sealed communion kits are available for those who desire such a kit in the main foyer and can be picked up prior to the start of the service. Please direct any questions to elders@cedarchurch.org.

Last Day of Sunday School and Wednesday Ministries – The new Sunday School semester begins January 4, and the new Wednesday semester will begin January 7, 2026.

Volunteers Needed for Children's Ministries – We are seeking volunteers to serve in our Children's Ministries for the upcoming Winter 2026 semester, with a special need in Girls' Club. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pastor Jerry Neumair.

Christmas Program & Refreshments – Please join us—with your family and guests—today, as we celebrate God's goodness together! Our children will be singing, and we'll enjoy Christmas refreshments following the program.

No December Fellowship Luncheon – There will be no Fellowship Luncheon in December. Please look forward to our next luncheon on Sunday, January 11.

Covenant Community Church Blood Drive – is hosting a blood drive on Sunday, December 22, from 2:30–6:30 PM. We've partnered with them throughout the year, and they have been a great help to us—this is a wonderful opportunity to support them in return. To sign up, please call 616-233-8509. Eligibility begins at age 17 (or 16 with a parent's permission). Your donation can make a lifesaving difference!

Announcements Cont'd

Volunteer Ministries	TODAY Dec. 14	NEXT WEEK Dec. 21
Hostess/Asst. Refreshments	Carla Baker/Barb Lomonaco Tiffany Kortman/Jill Kuikstra Joanna Lipsy/Barb Lomonaco	Carla Baker/Barb Lomonaco Cathy Maxfield/Beka Mulder Jennie Mulder/Kim Mulder
Nursery	AM Lydia DeBoef/Anna Lipsy Cathy Maxfield PM Jennie Mulder/Ruby Mulder	Hailey Fullalove/Rebecca VanDyke NO SS Jordan Knot/Abby Mulder

<div> Youth Group Scoop </div>	<div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Party: Sunday, December 14, 6:45 - 8:30. We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with a feast, devotional and a white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a gift (\$5 or less/regifted) and look for the food sign-up on the YG meals spreadsheet. </div> <div> <p>Leaders: Jenny den Hollander, Dan Lipsy, Chris Neumair, Pastor Jerry Neumair, & Stacy Nichols - Location: Youth Room (basement)</p> </div>
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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS OFFERING

THE CUMMINGS FAMILY AT THE JOY CENTER SENDAI, JAPAN

GIVE TODAY (OR DESIGNATE OFFERINGS "TO CHILDRENS OFFERING" ALL MONTH LONG)

This years Children's offering will again go to Matt and Annette Cummings and their family at the "Joy Center" in Sendai Japan to support their Christmas Program.

JOY CENTER

Please take 5 minutes to send an encouraging email to INOCHIPAN@GMAIL.COM

WEBSITE: JOY4SENDAI.COM

Wednesday AM Bible Studies

Winter 2026 Midweek Bible Studies are held every Wednesday at 9:30 AM.

- **Women's Morning Bible Study:** Biblical Warriors (organized from Scripture by Joan) Leader, Joan Broene (Fellowship Room)
- **Men's Morning Bible Study:** Wednesday morning Men's study: A study in Isaiah (Life Change Series) Leader, Mick Knierim. (Upstairs Conference Room)

Wednesday PM Learning Opportunities for All Ages!

The midweek meal will begin at 5:45 PM | PM Ministries | 6:30 PM

- **Midweek Meal** – Join us at 5:45 PM every Wednesday for a hot meal and time of fellowship in the fellowship hall.
- **Grief-Share Support Group** – Stuck in grief after the death of a loved one? Grief Share can help you mourn while finding comfort and renewed hope for the future. This support group features Christ-centered teaching along with DVD stories of real-life people who have found that the Lord is near the brokenhearted. Class begins at 6:30 PM after our church dinner. Please consider inviting a grieving friend and pray for God's peace for those who attend. Leader Jerry Neumair. (Upstairs Conference Room)
- **Faith On Trial – Psalm 73** by Martin Lloyd-Jones. Why do good people suffer unjustly – and yet others get away with it? The Psalmist, Asaph, dealt with this very problem in Psalm 73 – one that has often perplexed and discouraged God's people. Asaph reveals his own 'no-holds-barred' feelings and leads us step by step from near – despair to final assurance. For this reason, it has always appealed to preachers and counsellors. An excellent book for those struggling with, or wondering about, injustice in the world. Led by Ken Folkerts (Youth Room)
- **Catechism Club** – Children from age 3 to grade 2 - Using accounts from the Bible of God's work in the world to help the children understand God's character and abstract theological truths. There will be games, songs, Bible memory, catechism memory and Bible stories. (Led by Joanna Lipy (Main room in basement.)
- **Girls' Club** – Girls' Club is a class for girls in grades 3-12 where we strive to love each other, learn about the love of God, and craft together. This year our older ladies (grades 6-12) will be learning a little about purity and how to study the Bible. Our younger ladies (grades 3-5) will be learning psalms and parables. We deepen our relationships with crafts, lessons, field trips, game nights, and tea parties. Led by Beka Mulder (Lower West Wing)
- **Boys' Cadets** – Cadets is a youth ministry for boys (grade 3 and up). Cadets help boys to grow more Christ-like in all areas of life. Cadets do this by Discovering God's Word through Bible lessons, learning new skills, and exploring the world around us. The Cadets accomplish this by earning merit badges, campouts, and hands on learning. At Cedar Church any boy who is entering the third grade is welcome to join and can continue in the Cadet program indefinitely if they choose. Led by Jon Mulder (Location: West Wing Upstairs)

The Lord's Day December 14, 2025

Sunday Learning Opportunities for All Ages

Winter 2026 Sunday School | 11:15-12:15

CHILDRENS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Pre K, K, 1st Grade:** *K: Jesus Is God's Son* (meeting in the room downstairs at base of west staircase)
- **2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade:** *Listening T Jesus* (meeting in the 2nd room on the right at base of west staircase)
- **5th & 6th Grade:** *Exodus to Ruth* (meeting upstairs in west extension, east room)
- **7th & 8th Grade:** *Exodus to Joshua* (meeting upstairs in west extension, west room)
- **9th-12th Grade (High School)** *So What Series: Growing in Christ's Church* (Youth Room)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Faith On Trial – Psalm 73** by Martin Lloyd-Jones. Why do good people suffer unjustly – and yet others get away with it? The Psalmist, Asaph, dealt with this very problem in Psalm 73 – one that has often perplexed and discouraged God's people. Asaph reveals his own 'no-holds-barred' feelings and leads us step by step from near – despair to final assurance. For this reason, it has always appealed to preachers and counsellors. An excellent book for those struggling with, or wondering about, injustice in the world. Led by Ken Folkerts (Sanctuary)
- **Extraordinary Hospitality (for ordinary people)** by Carolyn Lacey. Generous hospitality is a significant way in which God works through our lives to bring life to others, yet many of us feel ill-equipped and overwhelmed at the prospect, especially if we don't have big houses and we are not wonderful cooks! Carolyn Lacey encourages us to focus on the goal of hospitality, which is to reflect God's welcoming heart, and shows us how we can all do that, regardless of our bank balance or living situation. She explores seven ways in which we can reflect God's character in the way we welcome others into our homes and into our lives, and so point people ultimately to Christ. This practical and realistic book explores how to make generous hospitality part of everyday life without becoming exhausted and overburdened. Leaders, Bob and Patti Dornbos (Upstairs Conference Room)
- **Various Subjects from the Westminster Confession** – The Westminster Catechisms (Shorter and Larger) comprehensively address various subjects within Christian theology, particularly from a Reformed perspective. Led by our Elders (West Wing)

SUNDAY EVENING

- **Sunday Night Youth Group** – Begins Sunday, Jan. 11, 6:45PM – 8:30PM (every second and fourth Sunday) right after evening worship. Youth Leaders: Jenny den Hollander, Dan Lipy, Chris Neumair, Pastor Jerry Neumair, & Stacy Nichols /Location: Youth Room

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