

CONNECT WITH US

Connect Card

Whether you are new to Cedar Ridge or would like to update your contact information with us, please let us know how best to keep in touch:

- Update my contact information.
- Register with Cedar Ridge's online community to stay informed via email to Include:
 - The Loop, Monthly Email
 - Important Messages from Pastoral Staff
 - The Quarterly Newsletter
- I'm new. Please help me get connected.
- Sign me up for this upcoming event: (please list the event here)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Tear this off and drop it in the offering towers in the auditorium or text/email your information to connect@crcc.org.

Thank you!

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CURRENT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Week	Actual	Goal	% Goal
April 14	\$9,338	\$10,055	93%
April 21	\$15,228	\$11,876	128%
April 28	\$8,200	\$9,079	90%
May 5	\$16,291	\$16,999	98%
YTD	\$506,304	\$511,381	99%

*Our Fiscal Year is September 1 – August 31

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Welcome to Cedar Ridge Community Church

Bi-Weekly Flyer: May 12, 2019

Please make yourself at home - coffee and donuts are available in the Commons. On most weeks, the service begins with a few songs, followed by the message and then communion (which consists of juice and gluten-free crackers). On the first Sunday of the month, however, children join us for worship and communion at the beginning of the service, before heading out to their classrooms. During communion, you are invited to respond to God in prayer (alone or with a prayer servant in the back right corner), by lighting a candle, or writing a prayer at one of the side tables. As you feel led, you may also drop a financial gift in the boxes on the sides or in one of the offering towers at the back.

After the service, you are welcome to stay for "Cedar Ridge in 7 Minutes," a brief intro to our community. We would love the opportunity to meet you and give you a small gift. If you would like to find out more about Cedar Ridge, please fill out a Connect Card at the front desk, and we'll follow up with more information. Thanks for taking some time out of your morning to join us - we are glad you are here!

Current Series: A Fresh Look at Scary Bible Stories

Adam and Eve smiling out from the strategically placed bushes... Noah sailing along with a boat full of animals... Moses parting the Red Sea... David bravely triumphing over the mean giant... Jonah praying to God from the belly of a whale... Daniel calmly sitting among the lions in their den... These—and other—ancient narratives have been passed down from generation to generation. On the surface, they seem like wonderful stories for young children. But as adults, what are we to make of them?

How can we read scriptures that present the world in a way that is out-of-step with our understanding of science and history? How do we reconcile accounts of God committing or commanding genocide with the unconditional love shown in Jesus? Is it possible to embrace ancient Biblical stories in a way that is intellectually honest? Can we find new ways to understand these stories, and to teach them to our children?

During this six-week series, we continue to struggle with ancient Jewish scriptures that present problematic views of God and of the world. We will explore how these stories have been interpreted through the ages, and how we can find in them the love of God shown in Jesus.

Join us on Sundays, May 19 and June 2 for a group discussion about the series, following the service.

UPCOMING MESSAGES

Date	Message	Speaker
May 12	Moses and the Exodus	Ruth Campbell
May 19	David and Goliath	Matthew Dyer
May 26	Jonah and the Whale	Bryan Peterson
June 2	Daniel in the Lion's Den	Ruth Campbell
June 9	Commitment Sunday	N/A
June 16	New Series Begins: "God in the Movies"	TBD

Prayer Focus

We all struggle to understand who and what God is, and what that means to us in our everyday lives. The words we use and the stories we tell will always fall short of the mystery of God. As we ponder ancient narratives in Scripture, let us ask God to open our minds to fresh insights, and—more importantly—open our hearts to a fresh appreciation of the inexhaustible love of God. Let us pray that we will grow together to be more like Jesus, who fulfills the hopes and longings of the ancient stories.

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 18	Late Spring Planting
May 19	Discussion Group for "Scary Bible Stories" Series Guatemala Bake Sale
May 25	Property Workday
May 26	All Ages Together
May 27	CRCC Office Closed for Memorial Day
June 2	Discussion Group for "Scary Bible Stories" Series
June 9	Potluck Picnic and Kickball Tournament

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS - MAY 12, 2019

Farm Planting Day: Saturday, May 18, 10 AM - 12 PM

Please join us for an hour or two in the morning to plant peppers, tomatoes, zucchinis, beans and cucumbers. Tasks for all ages and abilities. SSL hours available. Invite friends and neighbors to come along, too. And together we will feed the hungry in our community! Contact: thefarm@crcc.org.

"Scary Bible Stories" Discussion Groups: Sundays, May 19 and June 2, 11:30-12:30, Auditorium

For two Sundays during this series, we will hold an informal time for discussion after the service. Everyone is welcome to come to the front of the auditorium to ask questions and share perspectives on how we can make sense of some of these difficult ancient scriptures. On June 2, we will include a particular focus on issues related to teaching these stories to our children. Everybody welcome. Childcare available upon request.

Opportunities to Support our 2019 Guatemala Travel Team: Sunday, May 19

This July, a team of 13 adults and students will travel to Ipala as part of our ongoing partnership for economic justice and cross-cultural friendship. You can help provide financial support to our students by buying fair trade coffee in the Commons, hiring them for childcare or pet-care, and baking and buying goodies at our Bake Sale on Sunday, May 19. If you have questions, contact Bryan Peterson.

Sew-a-Bear-For-Guatemala: Saturday, May 25, 10 AM - 12 PM

Come to Cedar Ridge and spend a couple of hours sewing teddy bears for Guatemala. All levels welcome. Bring your sewing machine (an extra one can be provided) or try making one by hand. All materials and instructions will be provided. Contact Margy Lee with questions: margylee@msn.com.

Sunday Morning Music Team, Opportunities Available

Are you interested in singing or playing a musical instrument as part of the Sunday morning music team? We are looking to expand the team, and would love to talk to you further! Speak with one of the team members after the service, or contact Brian Markley: bmarkley6@gmail.com.

Help Prepare Popcorn for "God in The Movies"

This year's "God in the Movies" series will begin on June 16. In keeping with tradition, fresh popcorn will be available each Sunday. Volunteers are needed to assist with preparing popcorn on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM, before the 10 AM service begins. Please contact sarahb@crcc.org if you are able to help. This is also a great opportunity to invite your friends or family to join you!