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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – A farewell piano recital featuring Chuck Clevenger, D.M.A., senior professor of music, will be held Monday, April 24, at 7 p.m. in the Dixon Ministry Center Recital Hall. Clevenger, who has served at Cedarville 34 years, will retire from full-time teaching at the end of the academic year. The program is free and open to the public.

The evening's program features challenging performance music, chosen by Cedarville alumni who were Clevenger's private students. Nearly 50 graduates and their family members from around the country plan to attend the recital.

As a distinguished concert pianist, Clevenger has served as a studio and classroom teacher, department chair and academic adviser to Cedarville students since 1982. He helped develop Cedarville's general education course Introduction to the Humanities into an engaging online course. In the past, he also taught watercolor in the art program.

"My greatest contribution to Cedarville are the relationships I've built with students," said Clevenger. "The Bible has a word for what I do with them. It's called being a 'paraclete.' It's getting down in the dirt beside someone and showing them how. My legacy as a teacher is written in the hearts of my students."

In 2002, the student body voted Clevenger the Faculty Member of the Year. Other honors over the years include the Allen Monroe Integration Award and the CU Excellence in Collaborative Teaching prize.

During retirement, Clevenger plans to focus on his professional watercolor business, Studio C, and spend more time with his three grandchildren.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,760 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 100 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.