

# *Welcome to* Cedar Springs United Methodist Church



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*Sunday Worship Services: 10:15 a.m.*

*Food & Faith Wednesdays - 6:00 p.m.*

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**Earth Sunday**  
**April 23, 2017**  
**Service of Celebration and Worship**

**Video clip of God's creation: "Creation Calls" with Brian Doerksen's Worship song  
*Creation Calls* and lyrics displayed.**

**WELCOME:**

**We are so pleased you joined us to celebrate a living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding ways. We encourage you to enter worship with open hearts... open minds... and open ears to God's continually unfolding Word. After worship, we invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and lively conversation.**

**Announcements – Life in our Community of Faith:**

*(Fill out the yellow cards with your prayer concerns and hand to an usher.)*

**\*Passing the Peace of God:**

*(Shake your neighbor's hand, offering them God's peace and blessing and offer a word of honor for our creation's blessings.)*

**\*Call to Worship:**

**L.** Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**P. You place us in your creation, and you command us to care for it.**

**L.** Your works declare glory and splendor, and you call us to praise and reverence.

**P. Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us.**

**L.** Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us.

**P. Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us your peace. Amen**

**\*Hymn of Praise:**

*For the Beauty of the Earth (vs. 1-3)*

(UMH 92)

**\*Opening Prayer:**

**The hills and the mountains will be singing praise to God.**

**Every tree in the forest will be clapping its hands.**

**The Lord will come and rule for ever. Alleluia**

**Old Testament Lesson:**

Psalm 24: 1

(NIV 862)

Psalm 104: 16-21

(NIV 941)

**\*Sing of God's Glory:**

*Glory Be to the Father*

(UMH 70)

**CSUMC Choir:**

***Once and For All***

**Children's Moments:**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:**                      *This is My Father's World*                      (UMH 144)

**\*Gospel Reading:**                              I Corinthian 10: 26                              (NIV 1783)

**Message:**    *"Creation Care Stewardship"*  
**Ranger Steve (Mueller)**

**Prayers for the People followed by the Lord's Prayer:**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings:**

**\*Sending Hymn:**                                      *How Great Thou Art (vs. 1 & 2)*                                      (UMH 77)

**\*Blessing:**

May the blessing of God, Creator of heaven and Earth, rest upon you and upon all creation.

May the Risen Christ Jesus transform your life and your vision, so that you may live in harmony with all creation.

May the power of God's Holy Spirit move over the whole Earth like the breath of spring. To renew the Earth and all its people, so that all creation may join in praise, Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

<b>Serving in Ministry</b>	<b><i>This Week (04/23):</i></b>	<b><i>Next Week (04/30):</i></b>
Audio	<i>Mark Scooros</i>	<i>Mark Scooros</i>
Video	<i>James Scott</i>	<i>Tim Scott</i>
Choir Director	<i>Sue Harrison</i>	<i>Sue Harrison</i>
Chimes	<i>Jerry VanderWal</i>	<i>Kathy Makowski</i>
Hand Chimes	<i>Bonnie Hitchingham</i>	<i>Bonnie Hitchingham</i>
Kid's Choirs	<i>Nancy Noreen</i>	<i>Nancy Noreen</i>
Organist	<i>Janet Avery</i>	<i>Janet Avery</i>
Pianist	<i>Bonnie Hitchingham</i>	<i>Bonnie Hitchingham</i>
Greeters	<i>Dave &amp; Nancy Carlson</i>	<i>John &amp; Joyce Hansen</i>
Nursery Caregivers	<i>Sally Johnson</i>	<i>Sally Johnson</i>
Liturgist	<i>Pastor Jane Duffey</i>	
Fellowship Time		<i>Greg &amp; Sally Johnson</i>
Ushers	<i>Dan Davis, Keith Caldwell</i>	<i>Dan Davis, Keith Caldwell</i>

**\*If you are able, we ask the congregation to please stand at these times during the service.**

**Prayer List: Names will remain on the prayer list for 1 month unless specified otherwise on the prayer card. Thank you.**

**Prayer Requests:** Marnie Swan, June Price, Bob Galle, Vera Duzan, Bob Galle, Lois Larson, Helen Tibbe, Ann Scott & family, Bud & Helen Gambree & family, Steve & Karen Mueller, Jo Furhoff, Betty Kilts, Albert Abel, Casey VanderMaas, Jerry & Lois Collis, Greg & Sally Johnson, Soonja Koole, John & Joyce Hansen.

**Friends:** Lloyd Hansen, Pat Johnson & family, Mel Zimmerman, Cory Brown, Carrie Bowerman, Family of Brett Harden, Brandon Moat & family, Emma & family (no last name given), John Edwards, Cheryl Pratt, Eldon Pals, Gary Tibbe, Dennis Bevier, Ken Bremer, Dale Waller, Chuck & Sally Haynes, Jordan Cliff & family.

**Members and Friends in Care Facilities:**

Clark Retirement Community: Jim Scott

Green Acres – Standale: Helen Tibbe

Metron of Cedar Springs: Vera Duzan, Rose Hunter, Lois Larson

Story Point: Oscar Anderson

**Homebound:** Barb Rowland

**Missionaries:** Robert & Shirley Amundsen, Thousandsticks, KY  
Dr. David Persons, Mulungwishi Theological Seminary, Congo

**In Our Country's Service:**

Jordan Ackerman – Marines, Quantico, Virginia

Elisabeth Bullen – Navy, Sicily

Aaron Burnside & Kenny Neville– Army Nat'l Guard

Waylon Carlson, Navy Lieutenant – Norfolk, Virginia

Jackie Champion – Air Force, Afghanistan

Brandon Fisk – Air Force, Minot, ND

Tyler Hinton – Army, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO

Jake Merritt – Marines

Jenny Mueller – Navy

Russell, Janet, (Noreen) Evelyn & Noah Scott – Fort Hood, TX

Ben & Sarah (Noreen) Smith – Fort Meade, MD

Peter Noreen – Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Mitchell Phillips -Air Force Base, Oklahoma City

David Segard III – Army, Colorado

Nick Segard – Army, Atlanta, GA

**Kids Hope USA:** mentors, prayer partners, and students

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## ***MISSION AT CEDAR SPRINGS UMC***

***To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world***

***OUR VISION AT CEDAR SPRINGS UMC:  
We share the love and hope of Jesus Christ...***

- by inviting people of all ages to participate with
- openness and sincerity
- by worshipping through music and fellowship
- by studying God's Word together
- by praying and caring for each other
- by serving each other, our community, and our world
- by giving of our time, talent, gifts, and resources



**We have a hearing loop installed in the sanctuary area. To tune to it, turn your hearing aid to the t-coil setting.**

**If you don't have a hearing aid, but would like a headset to hear the worship service better, please ask an usher.**

**NIV Bibles, hymnals, prayer cards, and giving envelopes are in the rack and pocket of the chair in front of you. Please return them after worship.**

**Large Print bulletins are available from our ushers.**

***MISSION & MINISTRY THIS WEEK AT CSUMC...***

***Altar Flowers: Dan & Carolyn Davis – In celebration of their 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.***

**Sunday, Apr. 23**      **Earth Sunday Celebrated**  
10:15 a.m.              **Worship Service**  
11:15 a.m.              **Coffee & Fellowship**  
11:30 a.m.              **Health Checks – by Valerie Drier- F.H.**  
**\*\*Setup for UMW Spring Sale starts today- Fellowship Hall\*\***

**April 23---General Fund** -Again we are spotlighting our General Fund and the importance of supporting it and the payment of our Ministry Shares. The World Service Fund and the ministries it supports have been mentioned before. Another fund supported by Ministry Shares is the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund. Through this we work with other Christian churches to meet human needs, alleviate suffering, and advocate for peace and justice all over the world. Our giving as part of a connectional church magnifies results.

**Monday, Apr. 24**  
12:30-2:30 p.m.              Mothers Group - parlor

**Tuesday, Apr. 25**  
1:00 p.m.                      **Love & Stiches – parlor**  
3:45 p.m.                      **Kids' Choir - upstairs**  
6:30-8:30 p.m.              Community Players – parlor

**Wednesday, Apr. 26**  
9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.        **UMW Spring Rummage Sale – Fellowship H.**  
10:00 a.m.                      **Disciple Bible Study – parlor (last session)**  
6:45 p.m.                      **Adult Choir – Sanctuary**  
6:30-8:30 p.m.              Community Players – parlor

**Thursday, Apr. 27**  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.        **UMW Spring Rummage Sale**  
2:00 p.m.                      **Rummage Sale Clean-up**  
6:30 p.m.                      **Cub Scouts**  
6:30-8:30 p.m.              Community Players – nursery

**Saturday, Apr. 29**  
12:30-3:00 p.m.              Community Players – Fellowship Hall  
10:00 a.m.                      **Disciple Bible Study – parlor**  
1:00-3:00 p.m.              **Photography class – parlor**

**Sunday, Apr. 30**  
10:15 a.m.                      **Worship Service**  
11:15 a.m.                      **Coffee & Fellowship**  
6:30-8:30 p.m.              Community Players – nursery

**April 30---Community Food Pantry** -We are committed to the continuing support of the Community Food Pantry located in our building. Many volunteers shop, stock, and meet with clients each month. Our monetary support means that the shelves, freezers and



refrigerators are full of food and household supplies so that those who come are able to go away with supplies their family needs to be healthy. Knowing that you care enough to provide this support helps meet the clients' needs beyond physical hunger.

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**Liturgists** – Do you like public speaking? Have a desire to lead? We have an opportunity for you! We are looking for volunteers to be Sunday Liturgists. If interested, please contact Sue Harrison or the church office.

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**Wednesdays - Food and Faith** –We have only two meals left for our Food & Fellowship Meals. Make sure you come and join us at one of the dinners before they end on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**04/26 – No Dinner**

**05/03 – Pizza**

**05/10 - Potluck**

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**Finance Committee:** There is still a need to fill positions on the Finance Committee. We need a Finance Secretary and finance committee members. A new chairperson will be needed for 2018.

**Money Counters:** we are also looking for volunteers who would be available on a Sunday after service to total contributions. If you would be available an hour or two one Sunday a month or willing to be a substitute, please contact the church office.

If you have any questions about the Finance Committee or the Money Counters please ask us.

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**UMW Spring Rummage Sale:**

Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – clean-up following.

Setup begins Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please bring articles to be sold and place them on the porch.

Thank you for your donated “treasures” to make this sale a success!

**UMW Information:** I am updating the email list for the United Methodist Women. If you would like to be added, please send your email address to [bhitchingham@aol.com](mailto:bhitchingham@aol.com). We email minutes of meetings, and occasional reminders about events. We'd like to include all the women of the church. Thanks! Bonnie Hitchingham

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**The Outreach Committee** is providing support and hope to a family of seven in our community. If you are able to donate an item or help us in meeting the needs of the family we have adopted, please contact the church office or Sally Johnson (616-788-8225) for a list of items/necessities and pickup/delivery information – or you can pick-up a tag from the table outside of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support and donations.

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**Church Conference:** (Date change) Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary there will be a Church Conference held to set the salary for Pastor Karen Sorden. All church members are welcome to attend.

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## **VBS 2017 - "Hero Central" July 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**

Come and discover your Super strength with us!

We'll have lots of fun – including crafts, games, stories and much more.

Watch for more information in May.

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**Church Camp:** Believe it or not, it's time to think about registering for camp! Brochures for United Methodist camps and Pine Ridge Bible Camp are available in the office. Various church groups set aside money to pay a portion of each person's camp registration fee, and extra financial help is available, so don't let the cost be a deterrent to registering for camp. Camp changes lives!

If interested please see Nancy Noreen – (616)696-5186 or [nanoreen@aol.com](mailto:nanoreen@aol.com).

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**Graduation:** Our congregation would like to recognize and celebrate graduation milestones. Please call or email the church office with names of first graders, high school or college graduates to be sure that we don't miss anyone. Please have information to us by May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Also, if you are graduating from high school or college, please give us information about what activities you have been involved in, any honors you have received, and what you are planning to do next year so that we can share it with our church family. Thank you!

Office email: [office@cedarspringsumc.org](mailto:office@cedarspringsumc.org) or (616) 696-1140.

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The Dr. and Mrs. J.H. Teusink Loan was established to help students pay for educational costs. Loan funds are available to students connected to our church family. More information and applications are available in the church office.

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**Little Dresses for Africa:** We have fabric donated and are looking for volunteers to sew the dresses. If you can help us out, please see Ann Scott or contact the church office.

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**Communion Stewards:** If you would like to learn to give communion to church members who are homebound or living in care facilities, please see Pastor Jane or Keith Caldwell.