

Welcome to Cedar Springs United Methodist Church



Sunday Worship Services: 10:15 a.m.

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

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**Cedar Springs United Methodist Church
September 03, 2017
Service of Celebration and Worship**

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation in bold)**

Give thanks for all the wonderful works of God.

Praise the Lord!

Sing a new song of praise to the God of all peoples.

Praise the Lord!

Proclaim God's name to all the world.

Praise the Lord!

We are God's chosen people; God is with us always.

Praise the Lord!

Let our hearts rejoice, for the Lord is God.

Praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN**

**“Praise the Lord with the
Sound of Trumpet”**

TFWS 2020

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that our love isn't
always genuine.**

We see evil and wring our hands instead of resisting it.

We forget to consider more ways to serve you.

We turn our back on strangers who could benefit from our hospitality.

We do not pray enough for our enemies.

We associate with our own kind, fearing the “other”.

We indulge in fantasies of revenge.

**For all this, and for all that burdens our heart today, O God,
we seek your forgiveness. Have mercy on us and hear our prayers.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

**“Inside Out & Upside Down”
Matthew 16:21-28**

**Rev. Karen Sorden
NIV 1524**

***HYMN**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

TFWS 2129

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

TFWS 2257(a-d)

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

***SONG AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

UMH 95

***CLOSING HYMN**

“The Summons”

TFWS 2130

***BENEDICTION**

Serving in Ministry	<i>This Week (09/03):</i>	<i>Next Week (09/10):</i>
Audio	<i>Mark Scooros</i>	<i>Mark Scooros</i>
Video	<i>Tim Scott</i>	<i>James Scott</i>
Choir Director	<i>Sue Harrison</i>	<i>Sue Harrison</i>
Chimes	<i>Kathy Makowski</i>	<i>Jerry VanderWal</i>
Children’s Church		<i>Rose Kempf</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>Jerry & Lois Collis</i>	<i>Kathleen Makowski</i>
Nursery Caregivers	<i>Sally Johnson</i>	<i>Sally Johnson</i>
Liturgist	<i>Keith Caldwell</i>	<i>Sue Harrison</i>
Fellowship Time		<i>Ken & Louise Shaw</i>
Ushers	<i>Dan Davis, Keith Caldwell</i>	<i>Dan Davis, Keith Caldwell</i>

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

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

Members and Friends in Care Facilities:

Clark Retirement Community: Jim Scott
Green Acres – Standale: Helen Tibbe
Metron of Cedar Springs: Rose Hunter, Lois Larson

Homebound: Barb Rowland

Prayer List – continued...

Members	Friends - continued
Betty Kilts	Brison Ricker
Keith Caldwell	Violet Rohr
Esther VanDerMaas	Mariann Macavoy
John Teusink	Evelyn Veltkamp
Carolle Gunnell	Randy Truman
Chuck & Tonnie Smith	Steve Biehn
Jack & Mary Averill	Mr. Bartrum
Albert Abel	Clinton Ogden
Helen Tibbe	Syd Sapp
Alice Powell Anderson & family	Ed & Nancy Johnson
Jerry & Lois Collis	Melanie Cochrell
Ken Brooks	Chris Dobkey & children
John & Joyce Hansen	Chloe Mason
Bud & Helen Gambiae & family	Tom & Barbara Mickam
Greg & Sally Johnson	Kathy Morris
Soonja Koole	Tim Price
	Nancy Gerlich
Friends	Pat Johnson & family
Bob Townes & Dee Koopman	Mel Zimmerman
Dorothy Philo	Dennis Bevier
Dale Waller	Ken Bremer

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

Kids Hope USA: mentors, prayer partners, and students

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

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, talents, gifts, and resources
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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 do not 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...

Nursery for Pre-School kids and under is available during worship.

Beginning September 10 every 2nd and 4th Sunday following the Children's Message all kindergarten thru 5th graders are invited to meet downstairs for a Bible lesson and activity.

**Sunday, Sept. 03 Communion Sunday
10:15 a.m. **Worship Service**
11:15 a.m. **Coffee & Fellowship – Fellowship Hall****

Sept. 3rd Mission Offering: The Amundsens, a missionary family we help support in Thousandsticks, KY. This is a vital church and Pastor Robert, Shirley and Jordyn are much loved by their congregation and community. A recent look at the church's Facebook page states one opinion that this church has an "awesome Pastor." There were nine from there who went to church camp which indicates that young people are being served. They recently had a movie night and showed "Wesley, A Heart Transformed Can Change the World." The congregation is planning to celebrate their 40th anniversary with a homecoming on October 8. As their fall programs for Kids Club and other activities kick into high gear, be sure to keep this family in your prayers and well supported with our gifts. We are $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way through the year and have raised $\frac{1}{2}$ of our promised support.

Special September 3rd Sunday Offering:

As you know, Hurricane Harvey made landfall Friday and continues to devastate the Texas gulf coast with torrential rains and flooding. Please pray for all those whose lives are being impacted by this hurricane/tropical storm. And please pray for the many disaster coordinators and the early response teams in the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church and the Río Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church who are working around the clock to respond.

Today, we will be taking up a special offering for relief which will go directly to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). One hundred percent of this special offering will go *directly* to relief efforts for the effects of Hurricane Harvey.

Monday, Sept. 04 Happy Labor Day

**Tuesday, Sept. 05
10:00-11:30 a.m. **Women's Bible Study (Luke 19) – Parlor**
7:00 p.m. **Trustee's Meeting - Parlor****

**Wednesday, Sept. 06
6:00 p.m. **Food & Faith Picnic Dinner – Fellowship Hall**
6:45 p.m. **Adult Choir Practice - Sanctuary****

Thursday, Sept. 07

6:00-9:00 p.m. C.S. Community Players – Fellowship Hall
6:30-9:30 p.m. C.S. Community Players – Parlor

Friday, Sept. 08

6:30-9:30 p.m. C.S. Community Players – Parlor

Sunday, Sept. 10

9:00 a.m. **Adult Bible Study - Parlor**
10:15 a.m. **Worship Service**
11:15 a.m. **Coffee & Fellowship – Fellowship Hall**
11:15 a.m. **Evangelism/Outreach Mtg. – Parlor**
3:00 p.m. **Worship Service - Green Acres Cedar Springs**

Sept. 10th Mission Offering: Engedi, a program for youth based in the Red Hawk (6th grade) building of Cedar Springs Public Schools. This is an after-school program which is open to students so they can have a safe, welcoming place to meet with friends, study and get homework assistance and enjoy games and recreation. They are supported totally with donations and the funds raised once a year at their auction.

Adult Bible Study Classes:

Starting September 10 on Sunday mornings at 9 AM there will be a study of the New Testament in the parlor. Childcare will be provided. If you are interested please let me know so we can order the study guides. Tom Noreen – (616) 696-5186 or tomnoreen@aol.com.

A Women's Bible study of *Luke* will continue on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM in the parlor.

"A Matter of Balance" - Fall Prevention Class:

Program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. Hosted by Senior Neighbors, this 8 week program will meet every Friday from 10am-12pm in the Fellowship Hall from September 22 through November 10. No charge to attend, donations accepted. Class size limited to 12 participants. To register, contact Julie Lake, Wellness Coordinator @ 616-233-0283.

Nursery and Sunday School – Disciple Making Opportunities:

At Cedar Springs UMC, our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world around them. When you sign up to staff our nursery or offer to teach a Sunday (Wednesday) school class, you are joining with God to love and nurture our children, expressing God's grace to them, and helping them to grow and mature in their faith. We thank you for your part in helping make disciples of Jesus Christ! You may sign up to staff our nursery on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary or speak to Sally Johnson. Nancy Noreen is currently seeking Sunday school teachers/helpers for the 2017-18 school year. Please consider these disciple-making opportunities!

College Boxes:

College boxes are coming! As you shop, please keep your eyes open for items that our college students can use. (No pens, please; we have enough from last year.) We expect to send about 10 boxes. Thank you!

Sewing Group:

The sewing group will start meeting twice per month on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Bring a project and come join us for the evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
The September dates are: 09/12 & 09/26.



Walking With Christ:

Want to get some exercise or maybe just spend some time with friends while staying active? Starting September 11th we invite you to join our group in walking laps in the Fellowship Hall (or if the weather is good – outside) from 3:00-4:00 p.m on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Food & Faith:

Our Wednesday night Food & Faith will be starting back up on September 6 with a picnic meal. If you can donate a salad or dessert to go with the main course, please contact Sally Johnson @ 616-788-8225.

The Kids' Christian Education classes will start the next Wednesday, September 13, from 6:20-7:00 p.m. following a pizza dinner.

Lay Servant-Lay Speaking Classes @ Rockford UMC:

Tuesdays - Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 from 7:00-9:00p.m. (\$25 per class)
Basic & Advanced Classes. Contact Jody Pratt @ prattgji09@gmail.com or 616-292-4908 for information or to register.

Acoustical Instrumental Group: Join us for worship and fun through Christmas Music on Monday evenings in the sanctuary. We will be meeting October 9 thru December 4 at 7:00 pm. All instruments welcome! For information, call Keith Caldwell @ 696-1246



The Love & Stitches group will begin their regular fall schedule on Tuesday, September 5th at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Knitters and crocheters can come and get help, share patterns, or teach others a new skill or stitch. We are all teachers and we are all learners.

Bring a project to work on, or get yarn and directions for hats or mittens for Santa Claus girls, or T-sweaters for Kids. This month's second Tuesday lunch at the Cedar Cafe (noon) will be September 12. We are a welcoming group; join us if you can.