

CEDAR SPRINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Service Times

Sunday Worship @ 10:15 a.m.

- ››Supervised Nursery Care
- ››Children's Church 2nd & 4th Sundays
- ››Holy Communion 1st Sunday

Wednesday Food & Faith @ 6:00-7:00 p.m.

- ››Dinner for All
- ››Kids' Christian Ed & Youth Group

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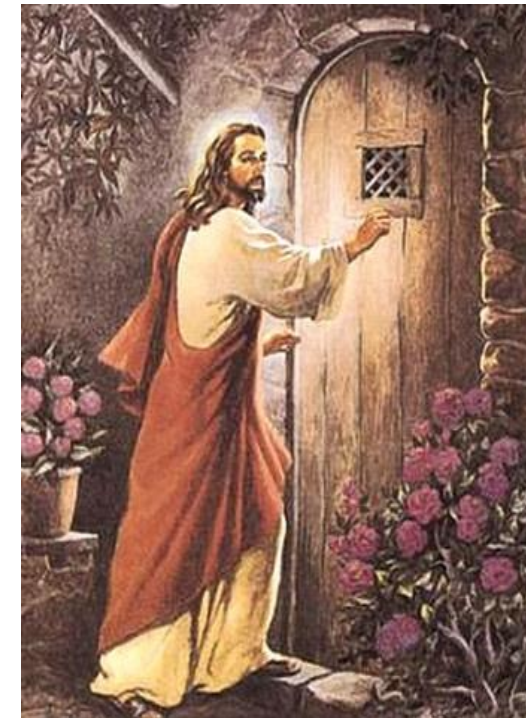
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Office Hours...

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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See an Usher for Assistance



*LOVE
The
Guest Is
On The
Way*

December 3, 2017

W E L C O M E

we're glad you're here

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

People, look east!

Love the Guest is on the way.

Prepare!

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Prepare the way of the Lord.

Women: Brothers, sweep the floors and set the tables.

Men: Sisters, tend the fires and light the candles.

All: Let us make our houses as fair as we are able.

Love the Guest is on the way.

Let us prepare the way of the Lord.

***HYMN** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" **UMH 213**

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:3-11

MORNING CAROL "People, Look East" v.1 **UMH 202**

"People, Look East" is our theme for the Advent season

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Eph. 2:11-22

A READING "Love III" by George Herbert

CHOIR ANTHEM "Advent Grace"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

SERMON "Love the Guest Is on the Way"
Matthew 25:31-46 **NIV 1542**

***HYMN** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" **UMH 196**

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

CALL TO PRAYER "Cares Chorus" **TFWS 2215**

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 **UMH 13**

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

***DOXOLOGY** **UMH 95**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" **UMH 203**

***BENEDICTION** (congregation in bold)

Out of the silence, out of the weariness, out of chaos, and even out of cynicism, comes a voice. The Lord is coming; God is near.

Love the Guest is on the way!

Thanks be to God for the indescribable gift.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Please stand as you are able.**

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS="The Faith We Sing" Hymn Supplement

This time of year we talk about the coming of Jesus. We go so far as to call this the "Advent season." Based on the decorations, it appears we really are expecting him to come into our homes. The warm colors and savory aromas we create are designed to be inviting to our guests. But they are more than inviting; they are enticing.

Guests come into our homes during this season more often than at any other time of the year. And, of course, Jesus comes, too. For most of our guests, the enticement is no trap; they go home well fed and well pleased with our hospitality. But Jesus stays long after he has worn out his welcome. Eventually we treat him shabbily. In the end we crucify him.

CEDAR SPRINGS UMC IN SERVICE

Putting our faith into action is at the very heart of our Christian calling. Every person has the opportunity to serve and to live out their calling more faithfully. Volunteers embody Christian love in action by bringing their diverse talents to our worship service, educational offerings, mission programs, and local outreach ministries. Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Sanctuary or you may talk to Pastor Karen.

	<u>This Week (12/03/17)</u>	<u>Next Week (12/10/17)</u>
Audio	Mark Scooros	Mark Scooros
Children's Church	--	
Choir Director	Sue Harrison	Sue Harrison
Fellowship		
Gathering Music	Kathleen Makowski	Jerry VanderWal
Greeters	Ken & Louise Shaw	John & Joyce Hansen
Kids' Choir	Bonnie Hitchingham	Bonnie Hitchingham
Liturgist	Betty Vanderwal	Keith Caldwell
Nursery	Sally Johnson	Helene Caldwell
Organist	Janet Avery	Janet Avery
Pianist	Bonnie Hitchingham	Bonnie Hitchingham
Ushers	Keith Caldwell Dan Davis	Keith Caldwell Dan Davis
Video	James Scott	Tim Scott

CEDAR SPRINGS UMC MISSION

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

CEDAR SPRINGS UMC VISION

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

CEDAR SPRINGS UMC IN PRAYER

Prayer is the primary work of God's people. It is a vital connection to God where we can hear from, listen to, and respond to God. We encourage you to pray as part of being a healthy disciple. Here are some folks you can pray for this week...

Members and Friends in Care Facilities:

Clark Retirement Community: Jim Scott

Metron of Cedar Springs: Rose Hunter, Lois Larson

The Sanctuary at St. Mary's: Helen Tibbe

Green Acres: Bob Townes

Homebound: Barb Rowland

Members	Friends	
Bill & Mary Yuncker	Mary Smith	Lyn Berkompas
Christian Covell	Bob Townes & Dee Koopman	Donna Livingston
Bud & Helen Gambee	Sue Andrews	Brison Ricker
Family of Betty Kilts	Margie Lovell	Ed Johnson
Ivan Opperman	Lawrence Reyburn	Mallory Johnson
Ann Scott	Bev Wesche	Nancy Gerlich
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Ken & Sharon Pierce	Tim Price
Helen Tibbe	Dale Waller	Mel Zimmerman
Jackie & Madaline Harvey	Powell Family	Randy Truman
Jerry & Lois Collis	Jon Houghtaling	Kathy Morris
Albert Abel	Kirby Minnick	Tom & Barbara Mickam
John & Joyce Hansen	Pat Brehem	
Greg & Sally Johnson	Dee Cyom	
Soonja Koole	Chloe Mason	
	Lori Ostrom	

Missionaries: Robert & Shirley Amundsen, Thousandsticks, KY

Kids Hope USA: Mentors, Prayer Partners, and Students

In Our Country's Service:

Jordan Ackerman Elisabeth Bullen

Kenny Neville Wayne Carlson

Nick Segard Tyler Hinton

Jenny Jo Collin Peter Noreen

David Segard, III

Ben & Sarah (Noreen) Smith

Aaron Burnside

Jackie Champion

Jake Merritt

Mitchell Phillips

Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless specified otherwise on the prayer card. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT CEDAR SPRINGS UMC

SUNDAY (12/03)

Adult Bible Study (Parlor) 9:00 a.m.
Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary) 10:15 a.m.
Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) 11:15 a.m.
UMW Advent Event (Sanctuary) 3:00 p.m.
Bethlehem Express Family Event (F. Hall, Classrooms) 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY (12/04)

Mother's Group (Parlor) 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY (12/05)

NO Women's Bible Study (will resume Jan. 9)
Love & Stitches (Parlor) 1:00 p.m.
Youth Hand Chimes (Sanctuary) 2:45 p.m.
Kids' Choir (Downstairs) 3:40 p.m.
Scouts #3220 (F. Hall, Classroom) 6:00 p.m.
Trustee Meeting (Parlor) 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (12/06)

Fellowship Meal – Pizza (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 p.m.
Kids Christian Ed. (Classrooms) 6:20 p.m.
Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY (12/07)

Cub Scouts (F.Hall, Classrooms, Parlor) 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY (12/08)

SATURDAY (12/09)

SUNDAY (12/10)

Adult Bible Study (Parlor) 9:00 a.m.
Worship w/Children's Church (Sanctuary) 10:15 a.m.
Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) 11:15 a.m.
Outreach/Evangelism Meeting (Parlor) 11:30 a.m.
Green Acres Worship Service 3:00 p.m.

NEWS & EVENTS AT CEDAR SPRINGS UMC

December 3rd Mission Offering: Advent Offering (UMCOR)

Sympathy to: Bill and Mary Yuncker and family on the passing of Bill's brother, Clifford Yuncker.

Poinsettia Orders:

We are ordering Poinsettias again this year "In Remembrance" or "In Honor" of loved ones or special persons in your life. Order forms are on the table outside the sanctuary. This year's poinsettias are 6 1/2" pots for \$7.00 each. Poinsettia colors are Red or White. TODAY is the deadline for orders. Please complete the form and return it with the payment to the Church Office or place in the offering basket during service.

"Tree of Hope" North Kent Connect Christmas gift program:

NKC has redesigned their Star Child Christmas program from the past years and renamed it Tree of Hope. Sheets explaining what they want to accomplish and what they are asking are located in the church office. Items are due 12/11. You have been most generous in past years supporting the holiday program of North Kent Connect and are encouraged to help meet the needs of many this year.

Christmas Love Offerings:

If anyone would like to give a Love Offering for Pastor Karen or our staff, there are boxes labeled accordingly in the back of the Sanctuary for the next three Sundays.

A Musical Holiday with the Great Lakes Men's Chorus and the Grand Rapids Sweet Adelines. Sat., Dec. 9 @ Grandville High School Auditorium, 4700 Canal Ave. SW. Tickets available at the door. For more information, talk to Sue Harrison or Chris Segard.

Jubal Brass Christmas Concert:

Sunday, December 17 @ St. Cecilia Music Society's Royce Auditorium. Jubal Brass is a 19-member brass ensemble that has performed at CSUMC a number of times. For more information, contact Tom Noreen at 616-260-0881 or tomnoreen@aol.com.