

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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T-Coil Hearing Loop Available in the Sanctuary
See an Usher for Assistance

*LOVE
The Rose
Is On
The Way*



December 10, 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 Rose is on the way.

In the cold and dark December, behold, the Rose buds.

Women: A miracle in the winter,

Men: A tender flower blooms.

Everywhere God comes, the wilderness blossoms.

In hard and frozen hearts love grows.

Love the Rose is on the way.

May God blossom forth in us.

*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 35:1-10

MORNING CAROL "People, Look East" v.2 UMH 202
"People, Look East" is our theme for the Advent season

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT 2 Cor. 2:14-17

A READING "The Wild Rose" by Wendell Berry

CHOIR ANTHEM "When Will He Come?"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

SERMON "Love the Rose Is on the Way" NIV 1518
Matthew 13:24-30

*HYMN "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" UMH 216

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.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH 238

*BENEDICTION (congregation in bold)

Our ground is cold and barren.

Our hearts are often hard. More like weeds than flowers, with shallow roots, we hold on, fearing the Gardener's hand.

But out of the cold hard clay of humanity comes God's Rose.

Love is blossoming all around us.

The desert becomes a garden, the wilderness a place of joy.

Love the Rose is on the way.

Thanks be to God for the fragrance of forgiveness.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS="The Faith We Sing" Hymn Supplement

SOMETHING I WANT TO REMEMBER...

SCRIPTURE I WANT TO READ...

A PRAYER I WANT TO PRAY...

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 (12/10/17)</u>	<u>Next Week (12/17/17)</u>
Audio	Mark Scooros	Mark Scooros
Children's Church		--
Choir Director	Sue Harrison	Sue Harrison
Fellowship	Craig & Sue Gates	The Tabor Family
Gathering Music	Jerry VanderWal	Kathleen Makowski
Greeters	John & Joyce Hansen	Art & Rosann Gerhardt
Kids' Choir	Nancy Noreen	Nancy Noreen
Liturgist	Keith Caldwell	Valerie Drier
Nursery	Helene Caldwell	Sally Johnson
Organist	Janet Avery	Janet Avery
Pianist	Bonnie Hitchingham	Bonnie Hitchingham
Ushers	Keith Caldwell Dan Davis	Keith Caldwell Dan Davis
Video	Tim Scott	James 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

Homebound: Barb Rowland

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

Missionaries: Robert & Shirley Amundsen, Thousandsticks, KY

Kids Hope USA: Mentors, Prayer Partners, and Students

In Our Country's Service:

Jordan Ackerman

Elisabeth Bullen

Aaron Burnside

Kenny Neville

Wayne Carlson

Jackie Champion

Nick Segard

Tyler Hinton

Jake Merritt

Jenny Jo Collin

Peter Noreen

Mitchell Phillips

David Segard, III

Ben & Sarah (Noreen) Smith

Russell & Janet (Noreen) Scott; Evelyn, Noah

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 (12/10)

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.

MONDAY (12/11)

Red Hats (Fellowship Hall) 11:30 p.m.
Mom's Group (Parlor) 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY (12/12)

NO Women's Bible Study (will resume Jan. 9)
Love & Stitches Lunch (Cedar Café) 12:00 p.m.
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.
SPRC Meeting (Parlor) 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (12/13)

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

THURSDAY (12/14)

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

FRIDAY (12/15)

****Chimes Newsletter Articles Due****

SATURDAY (12/16)

SUNDAY (12/17)

Acoustic Music Group (Sanctuary) 9:50 a.m.
Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:15 a.m.
Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) 11:15 a.m.
Free Health Checks (downstairs) 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)

Altar Flowers: given by Keith & Helene Caldwell in celebration of their grandchildren's Birthdays (Will Wright & Mily Ryan)

Sympathy to:

Chris Segard, Dee Koopman & the family of Bob Townes on his passing.

Letha Gebhardt & family on the passing of her husband, Al Gebhardt.

Please include all of these families in your prayers.

"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 Sunday, December 10 & December 17.

The Longest Night Service:

The Longest Night Service is a safe place to acknowledge that not everyone can celebrate a happy and warm Christmas. Many have experienced loss in a variety of forms, and Christmas is a painful reminder of what isn't. Yet, in the middle of all of this, we have hope for God is here. Join us for this special service.

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.