

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 Bird
Is On The Way*

December 17, 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 Bird is on the way.

Behold, the Son of Righteousness is rising with healing in his wings.

Behold, God gathers us all under those wings, the way a hen gathers her young.

Men: Like a dove, calling to its mate.

Women: Like an eagle, flying on the wind.

All: Love the Bird is on the way.

Listen for the beating of wings.

*HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

UMH 220

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Deut. 32:7-12

MORNING CAROL "People, Look East"

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,

Guard the nest that must be filled.

Even the hour when wings are frozen

God for fledging time has chosen.

People look east and sing today;

Love the bird is on the way.

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Malachi 3:16; 4:2

CHILDREN'S CHOIR & KID'S CHIMES

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

SERMON "Love the Bird Is on the Way"

Luke 13:31-34

NIV 1621

*HYMN "In the Bleak Midwinter"

UMH 221

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 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

UMH 218

*BENEDICTION (congregation in bold)

Like an eagle tends her nest.

Like a hen gathers her young,

So Love Incarnate comes into a world, full and rebellious. This is our fledgling time.

In the middle of winter we are born anew. Help us to rise up on wings, like eagles ourselves. Help us in fragile faith to fly to you.

Thanks be to God for the freedom of the flight of faith.

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 (12/17/17)</u>	<u>Next Week (12/24/17)</u>
Audio	Mark Scooros	Mark Scooros
Children's Church	--	--
Choir Director	Sue Harrison	Sue Harrison
Fellowship	The Tabor Family	No Coffee & Fellowship
Gathering Music	Kathleen Makowski	Jerry VanderWal
Greeters	Art & Rosann Gerhardt	Jo Furhoff & Shirley Neff
Kids' Choir	Nancy Noreen	Nancy Noreen
Liturgist	Valerie Drier	Sue Harrison
Nursery	Sally Johnson	--
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

Homebound: Barb Rowland

Members		
Randy & Suzanne Neiderheide and family	Soonja Koole	Dee Cyom
Letha Gebhardt & family	Greg & Sally Johnson	Chloe Mason
Chris Segard		Lori Ostrom
Bill & Mary Yuncker	Friends	Lyn Berkompas
Christian Covell	Sandy Mayo	Ed Johnson
Bud & Helen Gambee	Allyn Abel & family	Mallory Johnson
Ann Scott	Marily Stetson	Nancy Gerlich
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Dave Hamacher	Tim Price
Helen Tibbe	Rick Stoddard Family	Mel Zimmerman
Jackie & Madaline Harvey	Family of Bob Townes	Randy Truman
Jerry & Lois Collis	Dee Koopman	Kathy Morris
Albert Abel	Tom & Barbara Mickam	
John & Joyce Hansen	Mary Smith	
	Lawrence Reyburn	
	Dale Waller	

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 (12/17)

Acoustic Music Group (Sanctuary) 9:45 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.

MONDAY (12/18)

TUESDAY (12/19)

NO Women's Bible Study (will resume Jan. 9)
Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall) 12:00 p.m.
Love & Stitches (Parlor) 1:00 p.m.
NO Youth Hand Chimes 2:45 p.m.
Kids' Choir (Downstairs) 3:40 p.m.
Scouts #3220 (F. Hall, Classroom) 6:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting (Parlor) 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (12/20)

Fellowship Meal–(Potluck) & Celebration for Pastor Karen (F. Hall) 6:00 p.m.
Kids Christian Ed. (Classrooms) 6:20 p.m.
Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY (12/21)

Longest Night Service 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY (12/22)

SATURDAY (12/23)

SUNDAY (12/24)

Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:15 a.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 p.m.

NEWS & EVENTS AT CEDAR SPRINGS UMC

December 17rd Mission Offering: Advent Offering (UMCOR)

Altar Flowers by Casey & Esther VanDerMaas in memory of spouses Tom and Shirley.

Sympathy to Randy & Suzanne Neiderheide and family on the passing of Randy's mother. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Celebration for Pastor Karen:

Please join us on Wednesday, December 20th at the 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal as we celebrate Pastor Karen's time with us. The meal is a potluck and everyone is welcome.

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. Today will be the last day.

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 on Thursday, December 21 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Adult Wood Carving:

Wood carving with Dan Davis and Gary Brooks starts back up on Monday, January 8th. Classes will be Monday nights from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the parlor. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Davis at 616-696-1939.