

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 Star
Is On The Way*

December 24, 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 Star is on the way.

A star shall rise out of Jacob.

A light to all people, a hope to all the nations.

Women: Star light.

Men: Star bright.

All: Brightest star that was seen that night. Come and rise within our hearts, rise and never set, O Bright and Morning Star. Amen.

*HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v. 1,2,3 & 6) UMH 234

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

MORNING CAROL "People, Look East" v. 3 UMH 202

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Rev. 1:9-20; 22:16

A READING "A Prayer for Each Day's Journey"
by Joan Johnson

CHOIR ANTHEM "A Christmas Alleluia"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

SERMON "Love the Star Is on the Way"
John 1:1-5, 9-14

*HYMN "The First Noel" vs. 1-4 UMH 245

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 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240

*BENEDICTION (congregation in bold)

The people who sat in darkness...

That would be us, blinded by sin and death, until the whole world seems shrouded in shadows.

The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light.

Sometimes gradual, like dawn,

Sometimes startling, like lightning,

Sometimes beautiful, like fire,

Sometimes constant, like a star – God comes to us.

And God is coming to us, light and love incarnate. Thanks be to God for light and love, for the star out of Jacob.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS="The Faith We Sing" Hymn Supplement



*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
10:00 p.m.*

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 (12/24/17)</u>	<u>Next Week (12/31/17)</u>
Audio	Mark Scooros	Mark Scooros
Children's Church	--	--
Choir Director	Sue Harrison	Sue Harrison
Fellowship	No Coffee Fellowship	Ann Scott Tom & Hazel Palmer
Gathering Music	Kathleen Makowski	Jerry VanderWal
Greeters	Jo Forhoff & Shirley Neff	Jo Furhoff & Shirley Neff
Kids' Choir	Nancy Noreen	Nancy Noreen
Liturgist	Sue Harrison	
Nursery	--	--
Organist	Janet Avery	Janet Avery
Pianist	Bonnie Hitchingham	Bonnie Hitchingham
Ushers	Keith Caldwell Dan Davis	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		
Randy & Suzanne Neiderheide and family	Soonja Koole	Dee Cyom
Letha Gebhardt & family	Greg & Sally Johnson	Chloe Mason
Chris Segard	Friends	Lori Ostrom
Bill & Mary Yuncker	Jim Everly	Lyn Berkompas
Christian Covell	Sandy Mayo	Ed Johnson
Bud & Helen Gambie	Allyn Abel & family	Mallory Johnson
Ann Scott	Marilyn 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	Nesbit Family
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 (12/24)

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

MONDAY (12/25)

Merry Christmas!
Church Office & Food Pantry Closed

TUESDAY (12/26)

Church Office & Food Pantry Closed
NO Women's Bible Study (will resume Jan. 9)
NO Love & Stitches (will resume Jan. 2)
NO Youth Hand Chimes or Kids' Choir (will resume Jan. 9)

WEDNESDAY (12/27)

NO Kids Christian Ed. (will resume Jan. 10)
Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY (12/28)

FRIDAY (12/29)

SATURDAY (12/30)

SUNDAY (12/31)

Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:15 a.m.
Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) 11:15 a.m.

NEWS & EVENTS AT CEDAR SPRINGS UMC

December 24th Mission Offering: UM Committee on Relief

Thank You for the wonderful farewell and generous and beautiful gifts. I wish you all a blessed Christmas and happy New Year! I will miss you and remember you fondly. Pastor Karen

Year End Contributions:

Anyone wishing to make a final contribution for the year 2017 will need to have it turned into the church office by 12:00 p.m. December 31st. Contributions received after that time will be posted to 2018.

UMW Funeral Luncheon Coordinator:

The UMW is in need of a volunteer to take over as Funeral Luncheon Coordinator. Thank you to Marge Covell who is retiring from this position. If you would be able to take on this position, please contact Mari Anne Jones.

Adult Wood Carving:

Wood carving with Dan Davis and Gary Brooks will begin 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.

