

# CEDAR SPRINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Service Times

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### Sunday Worship @ 10:15 a.m.

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

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

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

## Contact Us

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### Office...

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### Office Hours...

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



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

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**MARCH 11, 2018**  
**10:15 AM**



**No More  
Selfies!!!**

*“Risk-taking mission and service takes people into ministries that push them out of their comfort zone, stretching them beyond the circle of relationships and practices that routinely define their faith commitments.”*

[Robert Schnase, Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations]

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES: “FRUITFUL FAITH”**  
**TODAY:**  
**“RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE:**  
**LOSE YOURSELF”**

# Welcome!

*“We will make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.”*

[Mission Statement of Cedar Springs United Methodist Church]

## GATHERING MUSIC

## GREETING

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(adapted from Luke 4 and Micah 6)*

Jesus said, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.”

**“He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind...”**

“to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

**For God has told us what is required: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.**

\***OPENING HYMN** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” UMH 133

\***UNISON PRAYER** *(based on Matthew 25:31-46)*

O God, through Jesus you have told us that every act of compassion is an act done for Jesus himself. When we welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to someone who is thirsty, take care of the sick or visit those in prison, it is for Jesus that we do these things. Push us out of our comfort zones O God, so that we show your love in unexpected places. For it is in risk-taking mission and service that we discover how you transform us, and our church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## KID’S CHOIR & KID’S HAND CHIMES

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**CALL TO PRAYER** “More Precious Than Silver” TFWS 2164

## PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

## 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.

**HYMN** “Make Me a Servant” TFWS 2176

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 9: 23-27 NIV 1609

**SERMON** Rev. Bill Johnson

**RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE:**  
Lose Yourself

## THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

\***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER** UMH 95

**HYMN** “As a Fire is Meant for Burning” TFSW 2237

## BENEDICTION

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\*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS=“The Faith We Sing” Hymn Supplement

## 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 Bill.

	<u>Next Week (03/11/18)</u>	<u>Next Week (03/18/18)</u>
Audio	Mark Scooros	Mark Scooros
Children's Church	Karen Mueller	--
Choir Director	Sue Harrison	Sue Harrison
Fellowship	Ralph & Karen Young	
Gathering Music	Jerry VanderWal	Kathy Makowski
Greeters	Diane Bengtson	Ken & Louise Shaw
Kids' Choir	Nancy Noreen	Nancy Noreen
Liturgist	Mary Yuncker	Sue Harrison
Nursery	Helene Caldwell	Robin Kribbet
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:

Metron of Cedar Springs: Rose Hunter, Lois Larson

The Sanctuary at St. Mary's: Helen Tibbe

### Homebound:

<b>Members</b>	<b>Friends</b>	
Tim Scott	Nancy Bernard & family	Ken Wesche
Jo Furhoff	Brittany & Aaron (no last name given)	Mary Smith
Family of Barb Rowland	"Doc" Gordon VanOtteren	Lawrence Reyburn
Jerry & Lois Collis	Dani Soper	Dale Waller
Jackie & Madaline Harvey	Marge McGee	Lori Ostrom
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Family of Emma Jean Hamilton Albrecht	Ed Johnson
Helen Tibbe	Ben & Marie Jenks	Chloe Mason
Albert Abel	Pat Hill	Nancy Gerlich
John & Joyce Hansen	Louise Yuncker	Tim Price
Soonja Koole	Austin & Amber Frandsen & family	Mel Zimmerman
Bud & Helen Gambee	Anna Elabrock	Randy Truman
Greg & Sally Johnson	Pam Benedict	Kathy Morris

Missionaries: Robert & Shirley Amundsen, Thousandsticks, KY

Kids Hope USA: Mentors, Prayer Partners, and Students

### In Our Country's Service:

Jordan Ackerman

Kenny Neville

Nick Segard

Jenny Jo Collin

James & Jackie Finley-Champion

Ben & Sarah (Noreen) Smith

Russell & Janet (Noreen) Scott, Evelyn & Noah

Peter & Mikelle Noreen

Elisabeth Bullen

Wayne Carlson

Tyler Hinton

David Segard, III

Jake Merritt

Mitchell Phillips

Aaron Burnside

**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 (03/11) UMCOR Special Sunday**

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

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**Special Offering: UMCOR Sunday:** Umcors is the humanitarian and relief arm of the United Methodist Church. The offering taken today throughout our denomination is to cover the administrative costs of UMCOR. This means that anytime you give to a specific asking such as disaster relief, health kit distribution or refugee care, every one of those dollars will go to that need. Overall, the administrative costs of UMCOR are less than 10% of their total budget. This is remarkable and one indication of their integrity. Please be assured when you give to UMCOR that you are giving to one of the best.

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### **MONDAY (03/12)**

Red Hats (Parlor) 10:30 p.m.  
Adult Woodcarving (Parlor) 6:00 p.m.

### **TUESDAY (03/13)**

Women's Bible Study (Parlor) 10:00 a.m.  
Missions Team Meeting (Parlor) 11:30 a.m.  
Love & Stitches Lunch (Cedar Café) 12:00 p.m.  
Love & Stitches (Parlor) 1:00 p.m.  
Youth Hand Chimes (Sanctuary) 2:30 p.m.  
Kids' Choir (Downstairs) 3:40 p.m.  
Scouts #3220 (F. Hall, Classrooms) 6:00 p.m.  
Finance Meeting (Parlor) 6:30 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY (03/14)**

Food & Faith- dinner (F. Hall) 6:00 p.m.  
Kids Christian Ed. (classrooms) 6:20 p.m.  
Adult Choir (Sanctuary) 6:45 p.m.

### **THURSDAY (03/15)**

Cub Scouts (F. Hall, Classrms, Parlor) 6:00 p.m.

### **SATURDAY (03/17)**

UMW Spring Fling @ CSUMC 9:30 a.m.  
Free St. Patrick's Day Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 p.m.

### **SUNDAY (03/18)**

Adult Bible Study (Parlor) 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:15 a.m.  
Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) 11:15 a.m.  
Christian Ed. & VBS Meeting (Parlor) 12:00 p.m.

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## **NEWS & EVENTS AT CEDAR SPRINGS UMC**

**UMW Spring Fling:** All women of our church family are invited to join us Saturday-03/17 for this inspirational day. See flyers outside of Sanctuary on table & on bulletin board downstairs.

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**Graduating Students:** Our church family likes to celebrate with graduating seniors. If you have someone or know someone graduating this year from high school or college please contact the office ([Office@cedarspringsumc.org](mailto:Office@cedarspringsumc.org) or 696-1140) or Nancy Noreen ([nanoreen@aol.com](mailto:nanoreen@aol.com) or 616-5186) Please share a brief biography of their school years and future plans.

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**Adult Christian Ed:** Wednesdays @ 6:20 p.m. Also, on Monday-03/26 we will start our study at the CS Brewing Company – 7p.m. If you want to come & have supper, some of us will be there @ 6:30 p.m. Pass the word to friends & come join us! See Tom Noreen (616)260-0881 or [TomNoreen@aol.com](mailto:TomNoreen@aol.com) for information on both opportunities.

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**Meet & Greets:** Sign-up sheets are outside of the Sanctuary Meet-&-Greets with Pastor Bill. We look forward to seeing you there!

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**New Office Hours:** The church office is now open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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**Free St. Patrick's Day Dinner:** Join us for a great evening of food & music, Saturday, March 17 – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome! Traditional Irish bread or rolls, monetary donations, and volunteers needed. Contact Keith Caldwell @ 616-696-1246 if you can help.

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**VBS Meeting:** It's that time of year again to start planning for Vacation Bible School. First meeting is Sunday, March 18 @ 11:30 a.m. in the church classrooms. All are welcome! Mark your calendars for VBS dates June 25-28.

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**All Church Retreat:** Saturday, April 21 – See bulletin insert.

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### **Lenten Worship "Fruitful Faith"**

**March 18: "Extravagant Generosity: Be a Mirror of God's Giving"**

**March 25 (Palm Sunday): "Fish Tales" –Children's Musical**

**March 29 Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 p.m.:**

**April 1 - Easter Day: Worship @ 8:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. "Good One, Jesus!"**

**Breakfast 9:00-9:30 a.m.**