

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

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MARCH 18, 2018
10:15 AM



**“EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY:
BE A MIRROR OF GOD’S GIVING”**

“Generosity enlarges the soul, realigns priorities, connects people to the Body of Christ, and strengthens congregations to fulfill Christ’s ministries.”
[Robert Schnase, Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations]

Welcome!

**Please stand as you are able.*

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS - The Faith We Sing

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Adapted from various scripture passages*

Liturgist: God calls us to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,

Congregation: For every generous act of giving, every perfect gift, is from above,

Liturgist: You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God,

Congregation: for we glorify God by our obedience to the gospel of Christ, and by the generosity of our sharing with all.

***OPENING HYMN** "Standing on the Promises" UMH 374

*UNISON PRAYER

Extravagant God, in our time of worship, and throughout the hours of our days, remain at the center of our thoughts and actions. When all that we do seems to fly off in scattered bits and pieces as our lives spin on, draw us back to you. Hold us together as individuals and as a community of faith. In our looking outward toward your creation, enable us to focus our hopes and to hit the mark when we aim to do your will. Be for us a center of gravity, a balance point, a source of loving support through Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray, Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Hope of the World"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO PRAYER "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH 349

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 "I Surrender All" UMH 354

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 NIV 1803

SERMON Rev. Bill Johnson

**EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY:
Be a Mirror of God's Giving**

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER** UMH 95

HYMN "The Summons" TFWS 2130

BENEDICTION

Connect with one another in Fellowship Hall on the lower level after worship!

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>This Week (03/18/18)</u>	<u>Next Week (03/25/18)</u>
Audio	Mark Scooros	Mark Scooros
Children's Church	Rose Kempf	--
Choir Director	Sue Harrison	Sue Harrison
Fellowship	Dan & Carolyn Davis	Keith & Helene Caldwell
Gathering Music	Kathy Makowski	Janis Opperman
Greeters	Ken & Louise Shaw	Andy & Valerie Drier
Kids' Choir	Nancy Noreen	Nancy Noreen
Liturgist	Sue Harrison	Tom Noreen
Nursery	Robin Kribbet	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:

Metron of Cedar Springs: Rose Hunter, Lois Larson

The Sanctuary at St. Mary's: Helen Tibbe

Homebound:

Members	Friends	Pat Hill
Tim Scott	Dale & Jenny Ransom and family	Anna Elabrock
Jo Furhoff	Jeff Hansen & family	Ken Wesche
Family of Barb Rowland	Family of Robert Fuller	Mary Smith
Jerry & Lois Collis	Family of Lawrence Reyburn	Pam Benedict
Jackie & Madaline Harvey	Marge McGee	Dale Waller
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Dawn Pell	Lori Ostrom
Helen Tibbe	Nancy Bernard & family	Ed Johnson
Albert Abel	Brittany & Aaron (no last name given)	Chloe Mason
John & Joyce Hansen	"Doc" Gordon VanOtteren	Nancy Gerlich
Soonja Koole	Dani Soper	Tim Price
Bud & Helen Gамbee	Marge McGee	Mel Zimmerman
Greg & Sally Johnson	Family of Emma Jean Hamilton Albrecht	Randy Truman
	Ben & Marie Jenks	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 (03/18)

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.

Altar Flowers: given by Casey & Esther VanDerMaas

Special Offering: Community Food Pantry, specifically for Personal Care items. You may give money or you may bring items--toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, razors, etc. These items are needed as food is the first priority for Food Pantry funds. There will be baskets at the rear of the sanctuary where you can place your gifts or you can drop them off any weekday morning to the Pantry workers or to the Office. Note the numbers of individuals and families served and give to make a difference for their comfort.

MONDAY (03/19)

Mom's Group (Parlor) 12:30 p.m.
Adult Woodcarving (Parlor) 6:00 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting (classroom) 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY (03/20)

Women's Bible Study (Parlor) 10:00 a.m.
Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall) 12:30 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.
Church Council Meeting (Parlor) 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (03/21)

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 (03/22)

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

SATURDAY (03/24)

Lions Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 8:00 a.m.
Men's Group (Parlor) 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY (03/25) Palm Sunday

Adult Bible Study (Parlor) 9:00 a.m.
Worship w/Children's Church "Fish Tales" Children's Musical 10:15 a.m.
Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) 11:15 a.m.

NEWS & EVENTS AT CEDAR SPRINGS UMC

Adult Christian Ed: The Cedar Springs Methodist Church is initiating a current events discussion at the Cedar Springs Brewery on March 26 and April 9 starting at 7 PM. Our goal is to provide a time of fellowship, faith and food (if you want) in a relaxed atmosphere. If there is interest, we will continue the series every other week and adjust times to best fit schedules. The discussion topic is taken from a subscription service called the *Wired Word*. We will not know the topic until the Thursday before the meeting. If you would be interested in coming or would like more information, email Tom Noreen at TomNoreen@aol.com. A copy of the article will be emailed to you as soon as it is available.

VBS Meeting: It's time to start planning for Vacation Bible School. First meeting is Sunday, March 18 @ 12:00 p.m. in the Parlor. All are welcome! Mark your calendars for VBS dates June 25-28.

Lenten Worship "Fruitful Faith"

March 25 (Palm Sunday): 10:15 a.m.
"Fish Tales" –Children's Musical

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

April 1 Easter Day:
"For Early Risers" Worship @ 8:30 a.m.
"Good One, Jesus!" Traditional Worship @ 10:15 a.m.
Breakfast 9:00-9:30 a.m.

"Discovery" - a four-week class for those interested in knowing more about our church and United Methodism. 9:00 am - 10:00 am on Sundays, April 8, 15, 22, 29. Those who wish will have an opportunity to be received into membership on Sunday, May 6 at 10:15 am. To sign up for the class, please indicate on the Friendship/Attendance pad with a star ("*") beside your name.

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 or 696-1140) or Nancy Noreen (nanoreen@aol.com or 616-5186) Please share a brief biography of their school years and future plans.
