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Kids' Choir & Hand Chimes: Nancy Noreen Ushers: Dan Davis and Keith Caldwell

| | This Week (12/01/19) | Next Week (12/08/19) |
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| Gathering Music | Recordings | Acoustic Music Group |
| Fellowship: | | Kathy Raudenbush |
| | | Diane Bengtson |
| Greeters: | Dan & Diane Christie | Jerry & Betty VanderWal |
| Liturgist: | Keith Caldwell | Mary Yuncker |
| Nursery: | Robin Kribbet | Robin Kribbet |
| | | Helene Caldwell |
| Sound Tech: | Mark Scooros | Mark Scooros |
| Video Tech: | James Scott | Tim Scott |

Altar Flowers given by Keith & Helene Caldwell in honor of their children and grandchildren.

Christmas Eve Family Style Worship at 7 p.m. Child Care is provided for all services.

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Welcome to Cedar Springs United Methodist Church December 1, 2019 at 10:15 a.m. Reign of Christ



GATHERING

Check out the events and activities in the life of our church, on screen.

| *SONGS | "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" | TFWS 2270 |
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| | "Come, We That Love the Lord" | UMH 694 |

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) On Screen

WELCOME

SONG "This is Where Children Belong" (sing twice) On Screen

THE MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN Karen Mueller

All children are invited to come forward at this time.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 122 New International Version

ANTHEM "Blessings" CSUMC Choir

SCRIPTURE Matthew 24:36-44 New International Version

MESSAGE "Prepare Him Room" Rev. Bill Johnson

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Worshippers may bring offerings as thy come forward for the sacrament.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AND MISSION MOMENTS

***SONG** "People Look East" UMH 133

*BENEDICTION

Let the celebration continue as we greet one another!

T Loop is available *Please stand as you are able.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal TFWS = The Faith We Sing
Child care is available during worship for infants to three years old.

THIS WEEK AT CEDAR SPRINGS UMC

SUNDAY (12/01) Communion Sunday Mission Offering: NKC Tree of Hope Mission Offering: Community Food Pantry-Personal Care Items

Worship – 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship – 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY (12/02)

Small Group Steering Mtg. – 11:30 a.m. Counseling – 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Acoustic Music – 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY (12/03)

Women's Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Care Mtg-12:00 p.m. Love & Stitches – 1:00 p.m. Youth Hand Chimes – 2:40 p.m. Kids' Choir – 3:40 p.m. Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (12/04)

Moms' Group – 1:00 p.m. Faith & Food –6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY (12/05)

Counseling -1:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts -6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY (12/08)

Mission Offering: Refugee Relief Mission Offering: Community Food Pantry-Personal Care Items Worship – 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship – 11:30 a.m.

Outreach Meeting – 11:30 a.m. The Brook Worship – 2:00 p.m. Green Acres Worship – 3:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS & CHURCH NEWS

Meijer "Simply Give" Holiday Campaign

Now thru Saturday, January 4, 2020—You can triple the donation amount when Meijer matches the given amounts on the Double Match Days— 12/03 & 12/13 (all other days will be unmatched by Meijer). Cards have to be purchased at the Cedar Springs Meijer location. Your generous donations and support are the love that keeps this ministry going!

Food Pantry Needs: The Cedar Springs Community Food Pantry has an urgent need for funds to provide personal care items to their clients. These items cannot be purchased with the Meijer Simply Give cards – the cards can only be used for food purchases. If you would like to donate to the food pantry, please reference their name on your offering. Thank you for your continued support of this very important mission.

Christmas Gifts for Staff: Our Staff Parish Relations Committee is inviting our congregation once more to say thank you to our employed staff, Jennifer August and Robin Kribbet, with a Christmas gift for each of them. A box is in the rear of the sanctuary for your gifts. Please earmark checks "Staff Christmas" and make checks payable to CSUMC. Deadline is December 15. Thank you!

Adult Wood Carving: Starts on Monday, January 6th. 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.

Christmas Nativity- All children are invited to participate - Sunday, December 8 during the 10:15 a.m. Worship. Those who can come, may choose to be a Shepherd, Angel or Wiseman. We invite you to join in the celebration of this Christmas Season.

CEDAR SPRINGS UMC IN PRAYER

Names will remain on the prayer list for 1 month unless notified. Thank you.

| Members | Friends | In Care Facilities |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Phil Harrison | Norma Curtis | The Brook of C.S |
| Marge Covell | Julie Baker | Albert & Frances Abel |
| Todd & Marnie Swan | Nancy Avery Johnson | Metron of C.S |
| Pete Kribbet | Brandon Shaw | Rose Hunter |
| Wayne & June Price | Lucas Jeffers | |
| Albert & Frances Abel | Dale Waller | |
| Hal Ringler | Tim Price | |
| Jackie & Madaline Harvey | Randy Benedict | |
| Leon Avery | | |
| Jerry & Lois Collis | | |

Kids Hope USA: Mentors, Prayer Partners, and Students

In Our Country's Service:

Jordan Ackerman Aaron Burnside Tyler Hinton Mitchell Phillips Waylon Carlson Elisabeth Bullen

Nick Segard Peter & Mikelle Noreen

Jenny Jo Collin (Mueller) Russell & Janet (Noreen) Scott-Evelyn, Noah James & Jackie (Champion) Finley Ben & Sarah (Noreen) Smith- Kate

Cedar Springs United Methodist Church Advent and Christmas 2019: Let Heaven and Nature Sing!

On the 300th birthday of the Isaac Watts hymn, "Joy to the World" we will focus on joy.

December 1: "Prepare Him Room" – Matthew 24:36-44 and Psalm 122 (Hopeful Joy)

December 8: "Repeat the Sounding Joy" – <u>Isaiah 11:1-10</u> and Matthew 3:1-12 (Peaceful Joy).

December 15: "Make the Blessings Known" – Isaiah 35:1-10 and <u>Luke 1:47-55</u> (Magnified Joy)

December 22: "With Truth and Grace" – Isaiah 7:10-16 and Matthew 1:18-25 (Loving Joy).

Christmas Eve: "The Lord is Come" – Isaiah 9:2-7 and Luke 2:1-20 (News of Great Joy)

December 29: "The Wonders of His Love" – Isaiah 63:7-9 (Joy Is More Than Momentary)