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	<u>This Week (02/16/20)</u>	<u>Next Week (02/23/20)</u>
Gathering Music	Recorded	Recorded
Fellowship:	Hal & Karen Ringler	Janet Scott
Greeters:	Marnie Swan Nancy Carlson	Helene Caldwell
Liturgist:	Sue Harrison	Chris Segard
Nursery :	Robin Kribbet	Liz Neiderheide
Sound Tech:	Mark Scooros	Mark Scooros
Video Tech:	Andy Drier	James Scott

**Welcome to Cedar Springs
United Methodist Church**
February 16, 2019 at 10:15 a.m.



GATHERING

WELCOME

***SONGS** "When We All Get to Heaven" UMH 701
"Because He Lives" UMH 364

***OPENING PRAYER** (In Unison) On Screen

THE MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN Rev. Ben Lester
All children are invited to come forward at this time.

SONG "Heaven is a Wonderful Place" On Screen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Liturgical Presentation by Kit Rau) On Screen

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AND MISSION MOMENTS

OFFERING...*DOXOLOGY...PRAYER

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:2-8 (New Living Translation)

MESSAGE "Thoughts About Heaven" Rev. Ben Lester

***SONG** "Soon and Very Soon" UMH 706

*BENEDICTION

Let the celebration continue with beverages and snacks!



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.

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THIS WEEK AT CEDAR SPRINGS UMC

SUNDAY (02/16/20)

Special Offering:

JFON- Justice for Our Neighbors

Worship – 10:15 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship – 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY (02/17)

Counseling – 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Adult Wood Carving – 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY (02/18)

Women's Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.

Blood Drive – 12:30 p.m.

Love & Stitches – 1:00 p.m.

NO Hand Chimes

NO Kids' Choir

WEDNESDAY (02/19)

Moms' Group – 1:00 p.m.

Faith & Food – 6:00 p.m.

Adult Choir – 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY (02/20)

Counseling – 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts – 6:30 p.m.

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CEDAR SPRINGS UMC IN PRAYER

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

Members	Friends	In Care Facilities
Leon Avery	Cindy Vanderwoude	The Brook of C.S.-
Wayne & June Price	Shelly Price	Albert & Frances Abel
Bud & Helen Gamber	Anthony	Metron of C.S. -
Woody & Jan Avis	Avis Covell	Rose Hunter
Sid & Rose Kempf	Lucas Jeffers	
Bob Galle	Lois Berends	
June Price	Family of Katelyn Johnson	
Mike Mercer	Lisa Tabor	
Albert & Frances Abel	Tom Hansen	
Todd & Marnie Swan	Dale Waller	
Jackie & Madaline Harvey	Tim Price	
Jerry & Lois Collis	Randy Benedict	

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	

UPCOMING EVENTS & CHURCH NEWS



Boy, the conversation wasn't very exciting this week – I walked alone and had to talk to myself! 😊😊

Come walk together in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:00a.m. (or whenever you choose to come and go).

Come when you are able (I know we all have appointments, etc.) and walk or do other kinds of exercising and leave when you are ready. The food pantry is going on so leave room for the clients' cars. (There will be no walking if the Cedar Springs schools are closed.) The more we have, the more fun we will have. Who knows...We could become one of the small groups pastor wants us to be involved in! Please come as I really don't want to walk alone. Thanks, Kit Rau

Spectrum Tours – Come join the fun! We are planning another bus trip to Shipshewana for a "Brown Bag Tour" on Tuesday, April 7th. The cost is \$105.00 per person. If you are interested in joining us, see Shirley Neff or Jo Furhoff or give them a call at 616-696-2435. Names and money are needed ASAP to guarantee our seats. If paying by check, please make it out to Spectrum Tours, Inc.

Lenten Worship: "Hope for Hard Times"

Right now the times are hard. Few people are optimistic about the economy or the environment or the culture. We fear for our nation, our United Methodist Church, for the ozone layer, for the manners of our children. Fear is the national pastime, and it seems that optimism is on vacation. For people of faith, there is good news: There is no better time for hope. Worship with us during the Lenten Season, and discover how hope is the answer for hard times. Two special, 7 p.m. services, Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday, book-end our weekly worship on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Join us!

February 26 - Ash Wednesday Service of Dust and Ashes, 7 p.m.

This will be a service of meditation, music, and the imposition of ashes. Childcare is provided.

Sundays, March 1 – April 5

March 1 - Hope When You're Caught in the Wrong Race (when others fail us)

Matthew 4:1-2

March 8 -Hope for Acceptance (Luke 15:1-10)

March 15 - Hope Beyond the Hope in Violence (Luke 15:13)

March 22 - Hope for the Church (2 Corinthians 4:7)

March 29 - Hope in the Face of Death (Luke 18:1-8)

April 5 – Hope for Love (2 Timothy 4:1, 7-8; 16-17)

Thursday, April 9 – Holy Thursday Worship at 7 p.m.

This will be a service emphasizing the approaching darkness of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Music and accompanying Scripture readings tell the story of the week that changed history. Childcare is provided.

About Heaven

1. Death will not exist in heaven

“There he will remove the cloud of gloom, the shadow of death that hangs over the earth. He will swallow up death forever.....!”(Isaiah 25:7-8)

2. Only righteous people will enter heaven

“...unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!” (Matt. 5:20 N.L.T.) “no one is righteous – not even one”. (Romans 3:10 N.L.T.) So who will be there? Only those God is allowed to look at through the blood of God the Son. “What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!”

3. Few people will enter heaven

“You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell (the road that leads to destruction) is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.” (Matt. 7:13 & 14 N.L.T.) What or who is the “gate”?

Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep.... Those who come in through me will be saved.” (John 10:6-9 N.L.T.)

4. Jesus is preparing heaven for His followers

“There is more than enough room in my father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.” (John 14:2&3 N.L.T.)

5. Our lives will not be complete until we enter heaven

“For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.” (2 Corinthians 5:1 N.L.T.) The description which follows in 2 Cor. 5 is absolutely exciting! “Some glad morning...”

6. Heaven is much better than earth

“for to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better...” (Philippians 1:21 N.L.T.)

7. Christians should look forward to heaven

“...set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand....your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.” (Colossians 3:1b-4)

8. Heaven is the home of righteousness

“...we look forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God’s righteousness.” (2 Peter 3:13 N.L.T.)

WOW!

“What a day that will be, when my Jesus I shall see!
When I look upon his face
And see the wonders of his grace.
He will take me by the hand,
And lead me to the promised land.
What A Day – Glorious Day – That will be!!

9. God is the focus of attention in heaven

Our focus here on earth tends to be on what is going wrong or evil and corruption. Here it is difficult to maintain a view of God which gives us hope and peace for our future. John gives us this picture of heaven, “...I heard what sounded like a vast crowd in heaven shouting. “Praise the Lord! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. His judgements are true and just.” (Revelation 19:1-2a N.L.T.)

What a wonderful world this would be, even now, if God were the focus of our attention!

10. There will not be any sadness in heaven

“I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. ...He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” And the one sitting on the throne said, Look, I am making everything new!” (Revelation 21:3-5a N.L.T.)

11. People in heaven will walk in God’s light

“There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light.” (Revelations 22:5 N.I.V.)

HEAVEN IS A WONDERFUL PLACE!