

**United Methodist Church**  
**October 11, 2020**  
**9:30 a.m.**



**Prelude:** Bonnie Hitchingham

**Greeting:**

**Scripture:** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 – Tom Noreen

**Opening Prayer:** Tom Noreen

**Praise Song:** “There Was Jesus” – Zach Williams & Dolly Parton

**Call to Worship:** Larry French

We praise you, O God,  
with words of thanksgiving in our mouths and in our hearts—  
words which can never really do justice  
to the depth of your care for us.

**We rejoice in your blessings,  
yet we so often fail to live up to them.**

Like your people of old,  
we often desire to fashion you in our image, or in ways that we can control.

Knowing these failings of ours as you do,  
**you still invite us to share your life of grace and abundant love**

We do not deserve such gifts.

We can only receive them and respond  
because Jesus intercedes for us in our weakness.

**May this time of worship and our daily living  
proclaim our thanksgiving for these undeserved and lavish gifts of  
grace.**

**In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

**Together with Kids:**

“Jesus Loves Me! This I Know” (UMH 191, vs. 1) – Scott Family

**Music:** – “O’ Jesus, I Have Promised” (UMH 396, vs. 1-4) - Bonnie Hitchingham

**Scripture:** Matthew 22:1-14 (NRSV) – Larry French

**The Parable of the Wedding Banquet**

**22** Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**Message:** “Mark Your Calendar” – Pastor Larry French

**Prayers of the Community**

**Mission Moment:** Video – Chuck Smith

**Music:** “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” (UMH 340, vs. 1-3)  
Bonnie Hitchingham

**The Offering**

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** Bonnie Hitchingham

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**Worship Participants:**

Tom Noreen, Liturgist  
Larry French, Pastor

Bonnie Hitchingham, Pianist  
Scott Family, Together with Kids

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## Cedar Springs in Prayer

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

Members	Friends	In Care Facilities
Madeline Harvey & family	Jonas Bulger	The Brook of C.S.-
Dan & Diane Christie	Bill Rau	Albert & Frances Abel
Bev Hale	Carol Zanto	Phil & Bev Wesche
Keith Caldwell	Shirley Hegeudus	Metron of C.S. -
Woody & Jan Avis	Gwen Leach & family	Rose Hunter
Wayne & June Price	Corinne McClain & parents	Addington Place
Gerry & Lois Collis	Family of Peter Mosher	Ethel Ergang
Hal Ringler	Mike Zachow	
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Dale Waller	
Bud & Helen Gambee	Tim Price	
	Randy Benedict	
<b>Kids Hope USA:</b>	Mentors, Prayer Partners, and Students	
<b><u>In Our Country's Service:</u></b>		
Jordan Ackerman	Aaron Burnside	Tyler Hinton
Mitchell Phillips	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, Jessica

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## Church News

**Welcome back to In-Person worship! – Worship time: 9:30a.m.**

We will require masks and social distancing as part of our overall safety plan.

You can expect temperature checks when you enter the SOUTH DOORS and we ask that you remain vigilant with social distancing practices. Also, we ask that the parking spots on the south side of the church along the street be reserved for handicap & those who are not able to walk as far. All others we ask to park in our south parking lot or north lot and follow the sidewalk to the south entrance. We can only do this if everybody participates as one mind of the body of Christ. Your safety is our first priority, so church will look a little different.

Of course we acknowledge that not everybody is ready for in-person worship services, and we will continue to offer an online experience. Our online worship will now be available Sunday evenings due to us recording live worship.

Together we honor God who continues to bless us during this difficult time. Thank you for continuing to be the Church! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Blessings of peace and love, Larry

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**Mission Offering for October** – Hand2Hand is in need of canned soup, individual cups of applesauce and puddings. Please feel free to drop off in the box in the Sanctuary on Sundays or drop at the office entrance door Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursdays from 9:00am-12:00pm. Contact the office if you have any questions.

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**ZOOM Bible Study** is starting on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Our first meeting date will be October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Larry if you have questions or are interested in being a part of this Bible Study group. All are welcome!

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**Building Use** – With the church entering Phase II of reopening, small church groups meeting for church related business will be allowed to meet in the Fellowship Hall as needed. Groups must contact the church office to be added to the calendar so that we can maintain our highest level of safety and cleaning. We will also continue to operate the Food Pantry as a “drive-thru” only pantry and want to ensure there are no issues with the space. Thank you everyone for working together to keep all safe.

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**Subject: Meijer's Holiday Simply Give Campaign Kick-Off**

Meijer is launching the extended holiday *Simply Give* campaign to help replenish the shelves of our food pantry. The campaign will now run a total of ten weeks from the dates of **Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, through Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021.** Our partnering Meijer store for this campaign is:

**Meijer Cedar Springs Location - 248 - SOLON TOWNSHIP**

During the campaign, we invite you to join our combined efforts to fight hunger by purchasing the \$10 *Simply Give* cards.

**Double Match Days Will Continue**

• During the fall campaign, the Double Match Days will be held on **Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020 and Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020.**

- For every \$10 Simply Give card purchased on these dates, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20, bringing the total to \$30 for a single customer purchase.
- Each purchase resulting from Double Match Days will be matched by Meijer up to a maximum amount of \$10,000 for the campaign. (Customer purchases of \$5,000 would be double matched by Meijer to a maximum amount of \$10,000 per pantry/campaign).

Food insecurity continues to be on the rise in the communities we serve, even more so during these uncertain times, which makes our commitment to the cause even more vital. Thank you for joining us as we work to fight hunger.

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