

United Methodist Church
December 6, 2020
9:30 a.m.



Prelude

Greeting

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11 - Danielle August

Opening Prayer: Danielle August

Advent Reading: Lilly & Allison Scott

Call to Worship: Larry French

We come to prepare the way;
The way for Christ –

the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ –
**to enter our world,
to enter our hearts.**

We cry out together in the wilderness:
The kingdom of heaven has come near.

We come to be part of the light–
the light that shines in the darkness.

Together with Kids:

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

Music: – “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (vs. 1-4, UMH 220)
Bonnie Hitchingham

Scripture: Mark 1:1-8(NRSV) - Larry French

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

1 The beginning of the good news^[a] of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.^[b]

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,^[c] See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,^[d] who will prepare your way; ³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

⁴ John the baptizer appeared^[e] in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with^[f] water; but he will baptize you with^[g] the Holy Spirit.”

Message: “Choosing Peace” – Pastor Larry French

Stewardship Moment:

“Thanksgiving: A Month of Celebrating our Blessings”

Music: “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”, (sing twice, UMH 204)–
Bonnie Hitchingham

The Offering

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Participants:

Danielle August, Liturgist
Advent Readers,
Larry French, Pastor

Bonnie Hitchingham, Pianist

Scott Family, Together with Kids

Cedar Springs in Prayer

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office @ 616-696-1140 or email: office@cedarspringsumc.org.

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

Members	Friends	In Care Facilities
Marty, Darcy, Madelyn & Gibson Reister	Family of Gordon "Doc" VanOtteren	The Brook of C.S.-
Gerry & Lois Collis	Neil Young	Albert Abel
Alice Powell-Anderson	Grace Price & family	Spectrum Hospital
Jerry & Betty VanderWal	Carl Anderson & family	Frances Abel
Steve Mueller	Laura (no last name given)	Phil & Bev Wesche
Dan & Diane Christie	Jane Pearcy	Metron of C.S. -
Woody & Jan Avis	Tom Anderson	Rose Hunter
Wayne & June Price	Mark Winegar	
Hal Ringler	Family of Max Cole	
Fred & Carollee Gunnell	Teresa Tibbe	
Bud & Helen Gambee	Marcia Anderson	
	Dale Waller	
	Tim Price	
	Randy Benedict	
Kids Hope USA:	Mentors, Prayer Partners, and Students	
<u>In Our Country's Service:</u>		
Jordan Ackerman	Aaron Burnside	Tyler Hinton
Mitchell Phillips	Elisabeth Bullen	David Segard III
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

Sympathy goes out to Chris Segard and all of Gordon "Doc" VanOtteren's family on his passing. Please keep them in your prayers.

Church News

UPDATE REGARDING IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Dearest Church family, it is prayerfully and with a heavy heart that the leadership team and the "Rethinking Church" Task Force has decided it is in everybody's best interest that we move back to Phase 1 and remain in online worship only through the end of 2020. We understand how difficult it is to not be together through the Christmas Season. We will continue to offer virtual worship opportunities every Sunday morning, and we will have a **special Christmas Eve worship event for you at 7pm on December 24th**. Watch the bulletin for more information. Our prayers are with our whole Cedar Springs UMC Church family in this difficult time.

Church Building Use: If you have a need to enter the church building during this time, please use the office entrance and remember to sign in so that we know who

and where in the building people have been. This will help us to keep areas sanitized and safe for all our staff, members and volunteers.

Winter Snowbirds: Please make sure you give your information to the office of what months you will be gone and your address for the winter. That way we can keep you up-to-date on all the activities and news for the church during the winter months! See you next spring!

Christmas Love Offerings: If anyone would like to give a Christmas Love Offering for our staff, please send them to the church office before December 15 and be sure to mark them "love offering- staff" or "love offering-pastor".

Year-end: Make sure that you turn in your receipts for reimbursements into the church treasurer by Monday, December 28, 2020 so that we can close our 2020 yearend at the end of December.

Donations/Offerings: Please remember that any donations or offerings that you wish to apply to your 2020 taxes need to be to the church office no later than Monday, December 28, 2020. Anything received after that date will be applied to the year 2021. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at the numbers listed on the back page of this newsletter. Thank you.

Stewardship Pledge Cards: You should have received your 2021 Stewardship Pledge cards in the mail during the second week of November. If you did not receive one, please contact the church office and we will make sure to get it to you. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their cards. If you haven't had the chance, please return the pledge cards to the office as soon as possible so that we can finish updating the church budget. You can mail them or make arrangements to drop off at the church- contact the church office if you wish to drop off. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer at the office phone number.

Christmas Cards: If you would like to send a Christmas card to Pastor Larry & Sharon, please send them to the church address.

Contact Information

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