

**WELCOME TO CEDAR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**DECEMBER 20, 2020**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**OPENING/PRAISE TEAM**      **“KING OF KINGS”**

**WELCOME** We welcome everyone to the House of the Lord! May you be richly blessed with God’s presence as you worship with us!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

**PEOPLE:** Therefore, Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

**LEADER:** He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

**PEOPLE:** And he will be our peace when the Assyrians invade our land and march through our fortresses. We will raise against them seven shepherds, even eight commanders. (Micah 5:2-5)

**OPENING PRAYER:** God, You have placed us upon this journey we call life. Help us to walk Your holy path to the end, where we will see Jesus. Help us to feel His presence beside us even through cold and windy twilight, through difficult times – and most especially when we are alone. Give us Your grace, that we may point out Your Son’s presence to those who walk beside us, that we – and they- may have our footsteps lightened through His joyful voice. Amen.

**INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:** Holy Father, This is your word for my life at this time and in this place. Today I am a new creation in Christ, and I believe that He has a purpose for my life. Open my heart to the

working of Your Word and Your Holy Spirit, that I may be transformed into your new creation. Amen.

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

**PSALM 80:1-7**

**HYMN:**      **“ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH “**      **UMH 238**

**JOYS, TESTIMONIES, BIRTHDAYS:** (Today) 20<sup>TH</sup> Larry McCullough  
24<sup>TH</sup> Roger Callow & Lucas Jackson

**ANNIVERSARY:** (Today) 20<sup>th</sup> Alice & Ladd Frary

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Brenda Daniel**

**PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN**      **“IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER”**      **UMH 221**

**GOSPEL SCRIPTURE**

**LUKE 2: 1-7**

**SERMON**      **“WALKING INTO BETHLEHEM”**      **Rev. Brian Boley**

**HYMN**      **“ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY”**      **UMH 220**

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN**      **“KING OF KINGS”**

**DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**24<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 6PM** in person, in the parking lot and surrounding area on **90.9FM** and on Facebook Live. Weather permitting, we will take our candles into the upper parking lot, spread out, and sing “Silent Night” to the community.

**Lay Servant 2021 Zoom Class Registration Papers available in the Narthex**

**New UPPER ROOM are in the Narthex...please take one home with you.**

**ALL SERVICES ARE UPLOADED TO OUR WEBSITE PAGE AS WELL  
AS ON FACEBOOK\*\*  
WEBSITE ADDRESS: [cedargroveunitedmethodist.org](http://cedargroveunitedmethodist.org)**

**OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE**

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| NEEDED MONTHLY to meet 2020 budget | \$11,500.00 |            |
| NEEDED WEEKLY                      | \$2,724.00  |            |
| TOTAL MONTHLY GIVING               | DECEMBER    | \$2,951.84 |
| REGULAR OFFERING                   | DECEMBER 13 | \$860.00   |
| ATTENDANCE                         | DECEMBER 13 | 38         |
| JESUS DOLLARS                      |             | \$891.66   |

**COVID-19/HOMEBOUND/ HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME MEMBERS**

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| <a href="#">Connie Bailey</a>          | <a href="#">384 Old Turnpike Rd. Parkersburg 26104</a>   |
| <a href="#">Alice &amp; Ladd Frary</a> | <a href="#">74 Greenbrier Lane, Davisville 26142</a>     |
| <a href="#">Betty Hayes</a>            | <a href="#">47 Dixie Lane, Parkersburg 26104</a>         |
| <a href="#">Marjorie George</a>        | <a href="#">1335 Blue Valley Rd. Lancaster ,Oh 43130</a> |
| <a href="#">Helen Hedrick</a>          | <a href="#">412 Columbia Ave. Williamstown 26187</a>     |
| <a href="#">Jean Huber</a>             | <a href="#">Cedar Grove Personal Care Rm 65</a>          |
|  | <a href="#">110 Nicolette Rd. Parkersburg, 26104</a>     |
| <a href="#">Gene Jones</a>             | <a href="#">The Willows 423 Summers Street</a>           |
|  | <a href="#">Parkersburg, W.V. 26101</a>                  |
| <a href="#">Joan Snider</a>            | <a href="#">1453 Dutch Ridge Rd., Pksbg 26104</a>        |
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