

## WELCOME TO CEDAR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 4, 2022

PRAISE TEAM      “O COME, O COME EMMANUEL” (vs 1,5-7)      UMH 211  
PRAISE TEAM      “BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL”      UMH 209

WELCOME We welcome everyone to the House of the Lord! Welcome to all of you who are with us in person, watching on Facebook, or listening on the radio. May you all be richly blessed with God’s presence as you worship with us. **If you are watching live on Facebook, please sign in or add a comment to our page.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Advent booklets, 2023 Calendars & 2023 schedules for “Reading the entire Bible in a year” are available for everyone in the Narthex; Pastor Boley’s new office hours: Wednesdays 1-2pm and 6-7pm**

CALL TO WORSHIP      (adapted from Psalm 72)      PHIL BARBAROW

**L:** Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness. May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice. May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

**PEOPLE:** May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.

**L:** May he endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations. May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth. In his days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

**P:** Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

**L:** Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**P: Amen and Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER:** Laboring God, with axe and winnowing fork you clear a holy space where hurt and destruction have no place, and a little child holds sway. Clear our lives of hatred and despair, sow seeds of joy and peace, that shoots of hope may spring forth and we may live in harmony with one another. Amen.

ADVENT READING & CANDLE LIGHTING      LINSELL FAMILY

HYMN      “O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”      UMH 250

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT      LITURGIST

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.

OLD TEST READING      ISAIAH 11:1-10      MIEKA EDDY

JOYS/TESTIMONIES/NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS; NO KNOWN BIRTHDAYS OR ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

THE LORD’S PRAYER      ALL JOIN TOGETHER      KAIDYN BEVER

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE      DONNA ELLIOTT

PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAYER      LITURGIST

NEW TEST READING      ROMANS 15:4-13      LITURGIST

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PRAYER FOR THE LOST

GOSPEL READING      MATTHEW 3:1-12      PASTOR BOLEY

SERMON      “THE PROPHECY & FAITH OF REPENTANCE”      PASTOR

HYMN      “LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES”      UMH 213

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN      “BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM”      ON SCREEN

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL      PASTOR BOLEY

### UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

4<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP SERVICE AT CEDAR GROVE PERSONAL CARE AT 2:30PM

5<sup>TH</sup> “HELP & HOPE” SUPPORT GROUP MEETING AT 7PM

6<sup>TH</sup> BREAKFAST AT CHERYL’S DINER AT 9AM--EVERYONE WELCOME

7<sup>TH</sup> BIBLE STUDY AT 7PM

**8<sup>TH</sup> UMW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT OLIVE GARDEN 11AM**

**11<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DINNER AT 5PM W/CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**(FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL VISITOR!)**

**24<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 4:30PM**

25<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHURCH SERVICE

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE

NEEDED MONTHLY to meet 2022 budget		\$11,750.00
NEEDED WEEKLY		\$2,714.00
TOTAL MONTHLY GIVING	NOVEMBER	\$9,395.69
WEEKLEY GIVING	NOVEMBER 27	\$2,375.00
ATTENDANCE	NOVEMBER 27	52
JESUS DOLLARS		\$68.00

HOMEBOUND/ HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME MEMBERS

<u>Connie Bailey</u>	<u>384 Old Turnpike Rd. Parkersburg 26104</u>
<u>Alice &amp; Ladd Frary</u>	<u>74 Greenbrier Lane, Davisville,WV 26142</u>
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