

WELCOME TO CEDAR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 10, 2023

****PRAISE SONG** “COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP” ON SCREEN

****OPENING PRAYER** DARLA BEVER

God of hope, you call us from the exile and slavery of our sin with the good news of restoration; you build a highway through the wilderness; you come to us and bring us home. Comfort us with the expectation of your saving power, made known to us in Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

****PRAISE SONG** “O COME, O COME EMMANUAL” ON SCREEN

WELCOME TANYA POWELL

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 LITURGIST

****CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from PSALM 85)
LITURGIST

LEADER: You, LORD, showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins. I will listen to what God the LORD says, he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly.

PEOPLE: Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

L: Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

P: Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE EDDY FAMILY

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.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:1-11 MARY MCCULLOUGH

****HYMN** “SOON AND VERY SOON” UMH 706

JOYS, TESTIMONIES, BIRTHDAYS: NO KNOWN BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK,
NO KNOWN ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

DOXOLOGY “PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSING FLOW” UMH 95

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE DONNA ELLIOTT

PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER LITURGIST

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 PETER 3:8-15a LITURGIST

****HYMN** “BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL” UMH 209

GOSPEL READING MARK 1:1-8 PASTOR BOLEY

SERMON A VOICE CRIES OUT PASTOR BOLEY

CLOSING HYMN “THE UNCLOUDED DAY” ON SCREEN

BENEDICTION & CLOSING PRAYER PASTOR BOLEY

UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

TODAY- CHRISTMAS DINNER & CHILDREN’S PROGRAM AT 5:00 PM

TODAY 2PM SERVICE AT CEDAR GROVE PERSONAL CARE

14TH UMW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT OLIVE GARDEN 11AM

14TH BIBLE DISCUSSION AT 7PM

17TH VAUGHT CHAPEL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 7PM

21ST BIBLE DISCUSSION AT 7PM

24TH REGULAR AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP SERVICE

24TH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE & COMMUNION 5PM

31ST NEW YEAR’S EVE- REGULAR S.S. & WORSHIP SERVICES

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE

NEEDED MONTHLY (to meet 2023 budget)	\$11,114.00	
NEEDED WEEKLY	\$2,565.00	
TOTAL MONTHLY GIVING	NOVEMBER	\$8,559.60
WEEKLY OFFERING	12/3/23	\$2,636.60
ATTENDANCE	12/3/23	51
JESUS DOLLARS		\$172.00

HOMEBOUND/ HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME MEMBERS

Connie Bailey (address for cards) **384 Old Turnpike Rd., Pksbg 26104**
Bill & Nancy Cutright **135 Marie St., Parkersburg, W.V. 26104**
Alice & Ladd Frary **74 Greenbrier Lane, Davisville, WV 26142**
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