

**OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE**

<b>NEEDED MONTHLY (to meet 2023 budget)</b>	<b>\$11,114.00</b>
<b>NEEDED WEEKLY</b>	<b>\$2,565.00</b>
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY GIVING</b>	<b>\$11,582.70</b>
<b>WEEKLY OFFERING 12/31/23</b>	<b>\$2,558.60</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE 12/31/23</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>JESUS DOLLARS</b>	<b>\$176.00</b>

**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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**Parkersburg, W.V. 26104**  
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**WELCOME TO CEDAR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**JANUARY 7, 2024**

**\*\*PRAISE SONG**      “SHINE, JESUS, SHINE”      **ON SCREEN**

**\*\* OPENING PRAYER**      **DARLA BEVER**

Bright Morning, Star, your light has come, and the birth of Jesus has overwhelmed us with joy. Like the magi of long ago, may we be drawn to you and offer you such gifts as we are able. Amen.

**\*\*PRAISE SONG**      “CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS”      **ON SCREEN**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**      **PHIL BARBAROW**

**JAN/FEB UPPER ROOMS are available in the Narthex. Worship service at Cedar Grove Assisted Living today at 2pm. Anyone willing to help is invited.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      (Adapted from Psalm 72)      **LITURGIST**

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

**PEOPLE:** May he endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

**L:** 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. May the kings of Spain and of distant shores bring tribute to him. May the kings of Yemen and Somalia present him gifts.

**P:** May all kings bow down to him, and all nations serve him.

**L:** For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. He will rescue them from bullying and violence.

**P:** Precious is their blood in his sight.

**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 60:1-6**      **SUSAN LEMON**

**HYMN**      “THE FIRST NOEL”      **UMH 245**

**JOYS/TESTIMONIES/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:** 7<sup>TH</sup> SEAN BRADY,  
8<sup>TH</sup> BROOKS LAYMAN (and ELVIS))  
**NO KNOWN ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**DOXOLOGY**      “PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL .....”      **UMH 95**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**      **DONNA ELLIOTT**

**PRAYERS/PRAYER REQUESTS/LORD’S PRAYER**      **LITURGIST**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**      **EPHESIANS 3:1-12**      **LITURGIST**

**HYMN**      **WE THREE KINGS”**      **UMH 254**

**GOSPEL READING**      **MATTHEW 2:1-12**      **PASTOR BOLEY**

**SERMON**      “A NEW KING HAS ARRIVED!”      **PASTOR BOLEY**

**HOLY COMMUNION**      “LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SIL...”      **UMH 626**

**CLOSING HYMN**      “O BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM”      **ON SCREEN**  
**BENEDICTION & CLOSING PRAYER**      **PASTOR BOLEY**

**UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS**

**7<sup>TH</sup>** QUESTIONS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY DISCUSSION GROUP AT 6PM  
(WITH A LIGHT MEAL)

**11<sup>TH</sup>** UMW MEETING AT 12:30PM

**11<sup>TH</sup>** BIBLE DISCUSSION AT 7PM--STUDYING HEBREWS CHAPTERS 9 & 10

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: CHRISTIAN BASICS AND CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 AT NOON AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE. LUNCH (PIZZA) PROVIDED. THE CLASS IS OPEN TO ALL WHO WILL TURN AGE 11 OR OLDER THIS YEAR, INCLUDING ADULTS.**