

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE

NEEDED MONTHLY (to meet 2023 budget)	\$11,114.00
NEEDED WEEKLY	\$2,565.00
TOTAL MONTHLY GIVING	\$9,024.10
WEEKLY OFFERING 12/24/23	\$1,593.50
ATTENDANCE 12/24/23	62
JESUS DOLLARS	\$173.00

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**
Jean Huber **Cedar Grove Personal Care 110 Nicolette Rd.**
Parkersburg, W.V. 26104
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PM

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WELCOME TO CEDAR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 31, 2023

****PRAISE SONG** “OVERCOMER” ON SCREEN

**** OPENING PRAYER** DARLA BEVER
Ever faithful God, through prophets and angels, you promised to raise up a holy child who would establish a household of peace and justice. Open our hearts to receive your Son, that we may open our doors to welcome all people as sisters and brothers, and establish your household in our time. Amen.

****PRAISE SONG** “JESUS MESSIAH” ON SCREEN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 148) LITURGIST

L: Praise the Lord! **PEOPLE:** Hallelujah!

L: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created, and he established them forever and ever – he issued a decree that will never pass away.

L: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children.

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

L: His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord! **People:** Hallelujah!

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 61:10 – 62:3 MIEKA EDDY

HYMN “LO, HOW A ROSE E’ER BLOOMING” UMH 216

JOYS/TESTIMONIES/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: 2ND LARRY SCOTT,
4TH DEBBIE MOSS, 5TH KAIDYN BEVER
ANNIVERSARIES: 3RD LARRY & KAREN SCOTT

DOXOLOGY “PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL” UMH 95

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE DONNA ELLIOTT

PRAYERS/PRAYER REQUESTS/LORD’S PRAYER LITURGIST

NEW TESTAMENT READING GALATIANS 4:4-7 LITURGIST

HYMN “MY JESUS I LOVE THEE” UMH 172

GOSPEL READING LUKE 2:22-40 PASTOR BOLEY

SERMON “LET US BEGIN AGAIN” PASTOR BOLEY

CLOSING HYMN “GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN” ON SCREEN

BENEDICTION & CLOSING PRAYER PASTOR BOLEY

UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

1ST HAPPY NEW YEAR

2ND BREAKFAST AT CHERYL’S DINER 9AM

4TH BIBLE DISCUSSION AT 7PM-- STUDYING HEBREWS CHAPTERS 7 & 8

6TH “UNDECORATE CHRISTMAS” AT THE CHURCH 10AM

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.