

January 2022 - Newsletter



Coldwater United Methodist Church

Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

Pastor's Ponderings

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Happy New Year! What another year of twists and turns we leave behind and may we step into a new year with hope that God continues to have us in the palm of God's hand. God's love and grace have been in abundance as we've resumed many of our ministries and even in some cases expanded what we did in the past, including in our children's ministries. God's love and grace have also been in abundance as we've experienced several losses.

As we love into 2022, I invite us to dream together in expanding further our children's ministries. Already plans are being made to develop a Special Sunday where children and youth lead services that Sunday, much like they did on Christmas Eve 2021 and in years passed. Our youth have not had someone focusing specifically on their area of ministry for some time—May 2022 be the year we focus our resources toward providing opportunities for intentional faith development for them. A confirmation class is already in the works, however more is needed.

Through the COVID-19 pandemic and denominational tensions over human sexuality, perhaps we feel we are experiencing an exile of sorts. The Prophet Jeremiah encourage the Israelites in a time of exile for them—life as they knew it was upended as their city, Jerusalem, was destroyed and they were taken to a different land where their religious rituals looked a bit different and their identity as a people were being challenged. Jeremiah sought to encourage the Israelites to remember they were still God's people and that God still had plans to them in their struggles. Jeremiah encouraged them to develop roots and live lives of faith despite their circumstances. Jeremiah's words are just as apt for us today. Despite our circumstances, we are called to move forward in creating space and opportunities where children and youth are affirmed for who they are and who God has created them to be. In creating these spaces and opportunities, we are increasing the capacity for children & youth to grow in their faith and/or begin their faith journey.

As we dream together, may we pray for the children, youth, and families we have, and those God is sending our way. May we also pray for those who already serve our children, youth, and families and those who will serve in the future. May we pray as well for the resources already committed and resources yet to be committed as we take these next faithful steps.

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Service Times & Church Office Hours

Service Times

9:00 am Classic service
9:15 am Children's Sunday school
10:30 am Casual service

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday
9:00 am — 3:00 pm

"Mark Your Calendars"

January 9 Remembrance of Baptism



HAPPY NEW YEAR

"Special" One-Service Sundays

April 10	Easter Music Special
April 24	Service with Our Neighbors Sunday
June/July	Worship in the Park
September 25	Service with our Neighbors & Stewardship Kick-Off
December 11	Christmas Cantata/ Christmas Music Special

Worship Series

January 9 thru February 27, 2022

Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ

"Love Never Ends" is both a description and a promise. Guided by the Corinthians epistles, we are invited to let the light shine around us, and in us, and from us as we seek to continue to become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We who have seen the light of Christ now desire to reflect it in our community and in our world by letting others see Christ through our loving presence.

January 9 ~

First Sunday after the Epiphany and Baptism of Our Lord

Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Message: "Well Pleased"

Special: Communion

Remembering our Baptism

January 16 ~

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany and
Human Relations Sunday**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Message: "Varieties of Gifts"

January 23 ~

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany and
UMW Sunday**

Scripture: TBA

Message: By Beth Griggs

January 30 ~

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Message: "The Greatest of These"

February 6 ~

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture: TBA

Message: By Beth Karney

February 13 ~

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Message: "The First Fruits"

Special: Communion

February 20 ~

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Message: "Raised in Glory"

February 27 ~

Transfiguration Sunday

Scripture: Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

Message: "Seeing the Glory"

Giving Sundays

January 16 - Human Relations Sunday

- Together, we extend a helping hand to those in crisis so they can overcome formidable obstacles.

March 27 – UMCOR Sunday

- Together, we reach children, families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster.

May 1 – Native American Ministries Sunday

- Together, we empower local spiritual development and educate Native American Seminary Students to serve God faithfully.

June 12 – Peace with Justice Sunday

- Together, we spread the Gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the United States, and globally.

October 2 – World Communion Sunday

- Together, we enable national and international graduate students to change the world.

November 27 – United Methodist Student Day

- Together, we educate students so they can make a difference in the world.

Nurse's Notes

We are all getting very weary hearing about the Covid 19 and what we should do not to get it. However, you are getting this information because it is a matter of Public Health and NOT a political one.

Pat and I had Covid 19 in Nov. of 2020 before the vaccine was available. As soon as we could get our Covid vaccine we did. And before we returned to MI this past spring, we got our 2nd vaccine. Now we have had our booster vaccine. We also are wearing our masks whenever we are in public. Grocery store, church, and wherever there is a significant amount of people gathering. Can you find anything wrong with this picture? I know we are doing the right thing to not get this virus again.

I remember as a child my parents were first in line with me to get my polio vaccine as well as my smallpox vaccine. Those two diseases are pretty much eradicated in this world today. Where would we be if there were no such vaccines? Then there are the series of immunizations infants get to ward off mumps, measles, diphtheria, rubella, and chickenpox. What would it be like in the world if these immunizations were not available? And then there's the yearly flu shot that you are encouraged to get. All these diseases mentioned are highly contagious.

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) has been around since early 2000 as well as an inactivated SARS-COV vaccine. When variants occur, a change in the vaccine (S) protein of the SAR-COV vaccine must

change to increase antibodies in our bodies to combat the disease and variant that's present. We waited for a short time to go through clinical trials to get the vaccine for the Covid 19 and folks say it was too soon. However, the basic vaccine had been around since early 2000.

Then there are those that say, I don't want my freedom of choice to be compromised and choose not to be vaccinated or wear a mask. This is a pandemic folks. It's a matter of being vaccinated or have severe respiratory infection with possible complications or die of this horrible virus. Wake up people; folks are dying just because they did not get vaccinated. What a tragedy!!!

At this writing the omicron variant of Covid 19 has spiked from 7% to 73% in this nation in one week. The recommendations are to get vaccinated (if you can) and haven't already. Get your booster if eligible and double mask when in public. Vaccinated or not. If you get symptoms of fever, cough, runny nose, and achiness get a Covid test. Vaccinated or not and you test positive, quarantine yourself for at least a week. Remember, if vaccinated your chances of getting serious disease is low.

We are all in this pandemic together. Please let us all be responsible and do what is needed to rid this world of this horrible infectious disease. We can do this with God's help and the vaccine. Remember, the vaccine has shown the most promising results to eradicate this horrible disease.

Sources: www.cdccoronavirusupdate.com;
Center for Disease Control and Prevention,
Volume, Number 7—July 2005

Next blood pressure check Jan. 16, 2022

Keep healthy and safe in this New Year!
Lana Hunter, R.N.

Groups

All God's Children meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and find out what we are all about. Please bring a friend.

Rev. Julie leads Daily Devotions via Facebook Live. To participate, simply go to the church's Facebook page, "Coldwater United Methodist Church," and you will find a devotional video Monday through Saturday at 6:45 am. Rev. Julie is leading from *Disciplines: A Book of Daily Devotions 2022* published by Upper Room Book of Nashville, TN.

FAITH & FOOD

Faith & Food - A Bible Study for those in their 20's, 30's & 40's—The group is now meeting on the first and third Wednesdays monthly from 6:00-7:15 pm.

Committee News

UMW NEWS— The United Methodist Women are planning on hosting their annual Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, April 13th at 12:00. Please put this date on your calendar. Everyone is invited to attend.

MISSION NEWS—The Mission Committee sent gifts for a family in Union City through the Department of Social Services. This is the third year we have given gifts like these.

Announcements and Updates

Attention: UMW, UMM and committees of the church: On Jan. 3rd "All God's Children" will be cleaning the upstairs Youth Room. Right now, it is a miscellaneous storage room, housing old nursery toys to a Christmas tree. PLEASE remove what you think you need from this room. If not, the items not needed for Youth will find a new home. Thank you
Blessings, All God's Children

Blood pressure checks will be taken between services in Friend's Place. We will continue this service every third Sunday of the month throughout the year. Hope to see you. Lana Hunter, R.N.

Morning Devotion & Prayer 2022
Monday thru Saturday @ 6:45 am
Via Facebook Live at “Coldwater United
Methodist Church” page

The Upper Room
 Disciplines: A Book of Daily Devotions 2022

Rev. Julie will read each day’s scripture and devotion from this book, with the exception of Saturday when she reads the Saturday & Sunday devotions.

If you would like to have a copy of your own to follow along and/or read on your own, you can order them at Cokesbury or Upper Room Books as listed below. Enlarged Print copies also available. A few copies are also available at church.

Cokesbury: www.cokesbury.com
 Upper Room Books:
www.UpperRoomBooks.com

Cost of Book - \$10.00 (regular print) or \$12.00 (enlarged print)

Some of the Authors:

- Rev. Julia Seymour (friend of Rev. Julie who is Pastor of Big Timber Lutheran Church in MT)
- Rev. Tom Arthur (Pastor of Sycamore Creek UMC in Lansing and husband of Sarah Arthur who wrote *Coffee with God, our devotion for 2020*)
- Rev. Dr. Pamela D. Couture (former professor of Rev. Julie)

- Rev. Juan Carlos Huertas (former Pastor of First UMC Houma, LA where Rev. Julie’s in-laws are members)

At this time, you may mail your contribution to the church or contact financial institution to do bill pay.

Chancel Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:45pm to 8pm in the sanctuary. Masks are required. I do have singers’ masks available for those who would like one. **Our rehearsals run as follows:**

6:45 to 7:15 - quick warm-up and run through of anthem.

7:15 to 7:30 - break.

7:30 to 8:00 - rehearse new music.

There's always room for more people! If you are interested, please let me know - thank you! Cindy Garn, Music Ministry

You are a gift—I would like to extend my gratitude for the wonderful love offering that you all have provided during this Christmas season. You are a loving and giving congregation. I cherish our relationship, enjoy our conversations, and appreciate the kindness that you bestow. You are a gift! Thank you for being a part of my life. Michele Broughman

Prayer List

Annette
 Dick Aker
 Dinah Bauman
 Jean Brayton
 Lee Brayton
 Kenneth Briggs
 Phyllis Briggs
 Ann Carlisle
 Tom Clark
 Dorothy Davis
 Irene Frambes
 Nikki Fullbright
 Rich Johnson
 Lisa H.
 Kim K.
 Henrietta Kerkstra
 Jack & Linda Lintner
 Cathy Marbaugh
 Jim Miller
 Sadie Miller
 Jenna Purdy
 Ruthie Richards
 Ashley Wilcox
 *Family of Ruth Russell
 *Family of Vera Renshaw
 *Those affected by tornadoes in
 Kentucky and neighboring states
 *Those diagnosed with COVID-19
 *Our leaders, our nation, our world
 *People of Israel and Palestine
 *People of Afghanistan
 *People of Haiti
 *People at the Texas/Mexico Border



**Schools—students, teachers, school secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians, administrators, volunteers, bus drivers, social workers, and school board*



Calendar

*6:45 am Mon-Sat Devotional Videos on Facebook

1 Saturday Happy New Year!!!!

2 Sunday— Tony Garn

9:00 am Classic Service
9:15 am Children's Sunday School
10:30 am Casual Service

3 Monday—Office closed for holiday

12:30 pm Prayer Group
6:30 pm All God's Children

4 Tuesday

1:00 pm Knit Wits

5 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

6:00 pm Faith & Food
6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

6 Thursday

7:00 am Rotary
4:00 pm M&M Diner
6:30 pm SPRC Meeting

7 Friday—Offices are closed

8 Saturday

9 Sunday— Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

Communion
9:00 am Classic Service
9:15 am Children's Sunday School
10:30 am Casual Service

10 Monday

11:00 am Young MI Dances Mtg
12:30 pm Prayer Group

11 Tuesday

12:00 pm MARSP
1:00 pm Knit Wits

12 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

13 Thursday—Newsletter Deadline

7:00 am Rotary
4:00 pm M&M Diner

14 Friday—Offices are closed

15 Saturday

10:00 am Worship Team Mtg

16 Sunday—Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

9:00 am Classic Service
9:15 am Children's Sunday School
Blood pressure checks
10:30 am Casual Service

17 Monday—Martin Luther King Day

Church offices closed for holiday

12:30 pm Prayer Group
6:30 pm Care & Outreach

18 Tuesday

1:00 pm Knit Wits
6:00 pm Finance Meeting
7:00 pm Admin Council Mtg

19 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

6:00 pm Faith & Food
6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

20 Thursday—Newsletter Deadline

7:00 am Rotary
4:00 pm M & M Diner

21 Friday—Offices are closed

22 Saturday

23 Sunday—Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

UMW Sunday—Beth Griggs
9:00 am Classic Service
9:15 am Children's Sunday School
10:30 am Casual Service

24 Monday

12:30 pm Prayer Group

25 Tuesday

1:00 pm Knit Wits

26 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

6:00 pm Education Team Mtg.

6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

27 Thursday

7:00 am Rotary

4:00 pm M&M Diner

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9:00 am Classic Service

9:15 am Children's Sunday School

10:30 am Casual Service

31 Monday

12:30 pm Prayer Group

Liturgical Holidays 2022

January 6	Epiphany
March 2	Ash Wednesday
March 6	First Sunday in Lent
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 14	Maundy Thursday
April 15	Good Friday
April 17	Easter Sunday
May	Children's Sabbath/Service
June 5	Pentecost Sunday
September 11	Back to School Sunday
October 6	Laity Sunday
November 6	All Saints Sunday
November 27	First Sunday in Advent
December 18	Blue Christmas
December 24	Christmas Eve

Mary & Martha Menu





6-Jan	Chicken & Noodles
	Waffles and more; breakfast for
13-Jan	dinner
20-Jan	Goulash
27-Jan	Spaghetti

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

1	Charlie & Julie Outlaw
6	Shelby Kahler
7	Tracy Rowland
7	Janna Sebald
9	Heath Gillette
10	Ann Boltz
12	Jayne Lillis
12	Ruth Richards
13	Sandy Brown
14	Dick Zeluff
16	Kelly Aker
19	Jim Lyon
19	Jack & Linda Lintner
21	Jan Robinson
24	Theresa Gillette
26	Garry Wilbur
28	Jason Brayton
28	Jay Dobbertien
28	Kristal Gilchrist
28	Bob Harris
29	Anna-Marie Vorce
30	Pat Sistanich

January 2022

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