



June 2022 - Newsletter

Coldwater United Methodist Church

Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

Pastor's Ponderings

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This month is a bittersweet time as we say good-bye to our journey of ministry together. The scripture lesson that comes to mind is Genesis 12:1-3 where God calls Abram (later known as Abraham) to go to the land of Canaan which was unknown to him and far away from his relatives. God planned to make a great nation from the descendants of Abram and God would bless the world through them. God promised to be with them and protect them. If we were to continue reading Genesis and the rest of the Bible, God was indeed with them.

As we enter into this time of transition, waiting for Pastor Scott, Meagan and Leo to arrive, God is with you individually and as a congregation. God is with me, David and Oliver as we transition to Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Battle Creek and David continues serving Bronson & Colon United Methodist Churches. There will be a whole new set of community and church dynamics for us to learn and for me to be open to how God is calling me as Lead Pastor of Chapel Hill UMC to lead them into God's future for them as they seek to do transformational ministry in the City of Battle Creek. Through all of this, God is and will be with us.

Before I leave Coldwater, I want to share with you a few ways the Coldwater United Methodist Church and surround community have impacted me. I shall never be the same, only a better person and Pastor because of you and this community.

1. **Hospitality** – *One of the highest values in Biblical times is hospitality. I first saw this lived out in and through you when you welcomed my family and me. Then, my family came to church a couple weeks before my first Sunday and there were coffee and cookies at the front door. This outpouring of Christ's love and hospitality was top-notch. Thank you to Rick & Pat Furney, Amanda Malefyt, Alyssa Miller, Ally Aker, Marge Harris and others for being among Oliver's teachers in the faith and providing him with a community of love and care and the opportunity to be himself. I encourage you to continue providing warm hospitality to children, youth, and adults who will come to seek, experience and know Christ at Coldwater UMC.*
2. **The Courage to Try New Things** – *Our world is constantly changing and so are ways of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I commend you for showing Christ's love by opening your doors to people who seek a safe space to be and to grow in faith. Some examples of*

trying new things are Faith & Food, Service with Our Neighbors, holding Children's Sunday School during first service, and offering Vacation Bible School in the evenings. I encourage you to continue seeking new and outside-the-box ways of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children, youth and adults in our community!

3. **Resiliency Through the Pandemic** – Our world certainly changed in big ways beginning March 2020 when COVID-19 got closer and closer to our community. I commend you for being willing to lean into the difficulty of the pandemic and explore different ways to be church in this season. You worshipped from home, you continued to give faithfully, you served faithfully in safe and supportive ways, you checked in on one another, you made difficult decisions for the safety of all, and much more. Thank you for your resiliency during this challenging time.

As sisters and brothers in Christ, we say good-bye for now. As United Methodists, our paths will surely cross again. When the time comes, Heaven will be a great place of reunion when we come face to face with our creator and with each other. To God be the glory!

Love,
Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

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****The Church doors** are scheduled to be open 15 minutes before the start of each service and 15 minutes after the start of each service for safety reasons. Please plan accordingly.

Service Times & Church Office Hours

Service Times

9:00 am Classic service
10:30 am Casual service

*No children's Sunday school until Sept.

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday
9:00 am — 3:00 pm

"Special" One-Service Sundays

June 12 Rev. Julie's last service with Coldwater UMC
July 24 Worship in the Park
September 25 Service with our Neighbors & Stewardship Kick-Off
December 11 Christmas Cantata/ Christmas Music Special

"Mark Your Calendars"

**Rev. Julie's
Last Sunday
June 12
One service**

Giving Sundays

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.

Worship Series



Upcoming Worship Series 2022 ~ #BeUMC

Through the #BeUMC Worship Series we focus on and celebrate what it means to be the United Methodist Church! United Methodists are people who seek to do no harm, do good, attend to the ordinances of God and consider the world as our parish.

Worship Series Details:

June 5 ~ 9:00 am & 10:30 am Services

Scripture: Isaiah 2:2-4

Message Title: "The People of God for Whom the World is our Parish"

Emphases: Jesus-Seeking, Disciple-Making, World-Changing

Special: Communion

June 12 ~ One Service @ 10:00 am ~

Rev. Julie's Last Sunday

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a

Message Title: "Forever Faithful"

Special: Communion & Peace with Justice Sunday

June 19 ~ 9:00 am & 10:30 am Services

Special: Presentation from Branch County Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

June 26 ~ 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Special: Kathy Rockey Preaching



Nurse's Notes

You all know my love of dogs and how they can make a life a bit more pleasurable. Many of us have euthanized a pet after just a few years of having their faithful presence in our lives. What can we learn from their relatively short lives that we can apply to our lives that may enrich our spirituality, happiness, and our health? Recently on Facebook, I read a post from a dear friend about a dog, named Belker, a ten-year-old wolf hound, and his family. A very sick Belker was taken to the veterinarian by Ron, his wife Lisa and their six-year-old son, Shane. The news was grave. Belker was dying of Cancer and the recommendation was to euthanize Belker. Ron and Lisa wanted Shane to be their when Belker crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. The next day the veterinarian went to Belker and the family's home for the procedure. Shane surprised everyone how well he took Belker's transition. They all sat together after wondering why dog's lives are shorter than human lives. Shane quietly listening piped up and said, "I know why." Everyone was startled with his announcement. Shane said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life.... like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The six-year-old continues, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay for as long as we do." If a dog was a teacher, you would learn things like: When your loved ones come home, always run to greet them; never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride; allow the experience of fresh air and wind in your face to be pure ecstasy; take naps; run, romp, and play daily; thrive on attention

and let people touch you; avoid biting when growling will do; on hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shade tree; when your happy, dance around and wag you entire body; delight in the simple joy of a long walk; be faithful; never pretend to be something you're not; if what you want lies buried, dig until you find it; when someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently. You just may feel better if you live simply, love generously, care deeply and speak kindly.

Resource: Facebook post

Next blood pressure check, June 19, 2022

Keep healthy!

Lana Hunter, R.N.

Groups

Rev. Julie leads Daily Devotions via Facebook Live thru June 30th. To participate, simply go to the church's Facebook page, "Coldwater United Methodist Church," and you will find a devotional video Monday-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.

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.

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.

Meet Our New Pastor



“Pastor Scott, Meagan, and Leo Marsh are excited to be appointed to Coldwater UMC. Pastor Scott has a bachelor’s degree from WMU in Environmental Studies and Earth Science, and a Master of Divinity from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. Meagan has a bachelor’s degree from GVSU in History and Anthropology. They welcomed Leo into their family in Aug of 2021 and life hasn’t been the same since. Scott enjoys a number of hobbies: homebrewing beer, woodworking, gardening, backpacking and cooking. Meagan is an active reader, Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter fan, and loves going to the county fair. The Marsh family also includes their corgi mix Rori, and a Siamese cat named Winnifred.

Scott felt a call into ministry in college and after working as a Youth Director and as a

Assistant Pastor at the WMU Wesley Foundation. He then attended seminary where he studied Greek, won an award for a paper on creation care, and discovered a passion for preaching Liberation Theology. The Marsh family is affirming and reconciling, believing firmly in the abundant love of God for all people, created in love by love and for love. The Marsh family is also committed to the work of ANTI racism, and environmental justice.

Scott serves on the MI Conference UMC Board of Young People’s Ministry as Co-Chair and was the board chair of the CMU Wesley Foundation with his term ending this June. Scott is currently writing his ordination paperwork and seeks to be an Elder in Full Connection by next summer.

They are so excited to meet all of you! They pray that God can use their gifts, graces, and skills to lead our congregation and help build the “Kin-dom” of God here.

May peace be with you.”

*Thank you,
Julie*

Committee News

The Mission Committee would like to report results of the Auction for 2022.

Congratulations! You helped raise **\$3,091.25!**

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the auction and enjoyed a delicious meal at the same time. Thank you to our super-duper auctioneer Dan Satow and his wife Kim, our special kitchen crew and those behind the calculator reporting the balance. The committee met May 10th and voted to donate this year to the following:

Tommy's House
BCCADSV (new child advocacy center)
Pastors discretionary fund
Beginnings Care for Life
Branch County Food Pantry
Crop Walk
Branch County Girls on the Run
CRU (Campus Christian organization)
Nome Community UMC, AK
Nome Community Center, AK

Announcements and Updates

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

MARY AND MARTHA help wanted: Looking for a co leader for one of our teams. **Hours:** Thursday afternoons once every seven weeks. **Pay:** lots of happy people, gratitude from the M & M team and a free meal. Apply to Tom 517.227.6311; Sharon 517.617.4643

Financial Secretary Needed @ Coldwater UMC—Coldwater UMC is seeking someone to serve in the leadership role of Financial Secretary. This volunteer position keeps track of individual, family and organization giving to Coldwater United Methodist Church and oversees the Teller Teams. An ideal candidate for this leadership position is someone who is organized, can keep confidences and is willing to learn our Shepherd Staff tracking software. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Julie. It would be good to have someone in place before the new Pastor arrives. Please pray about it if you possess these gifts.

Thank you for all the cards and prayers during the passing of my brother, Lee Brayton. With love, Joan Schafer

Love Offering

June 12th is our last Sunday with Pastor Julie in the pulpit.

Along with a celebration luncheon that day, the SPRC would like to present her a gift of appreciation for her loving and faithful service to Coldwater UMC these past years.

Please send your monetary contribution for this love offering into the church office by Wednesday, June 8th.

Thank you.
SPRC



Accessing Amplify Media

Here is how to access Amplify Media:

- Go to my.amplifymedia.com
- Find the person icon on the far right and click on it.
- You will see a drop-down menu. Click on "Enter Access Code"
- Once you get to that page, input our Congregation Access Code which is YMDBXS and click on "Verify."
- From there, you will input your information and set up your account.

Amplify Media offers a variety of video studies for all ages to grow in faith and understanding of God. Once you have an account, you can access Amplify Media from a computer, smartphone, tablet or smart tv. If you need help setting up your free account, please contact the church office and someone will assist you.

Save the Date—Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, July 17 through Thursday, July

21. This year's theme is "Food Truck Party!"

This will be a collaboration between Coldwater and Girard UMC.



To sign up go to <https://coldwater-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/> or scan the code below.

SCAN ME





Vacation Bible School: Save the Date!

July 17 – 21st, 5:30pm – 8:00pm
Dinner included with registration

Ages 0 - 17

- Songs
- Crafts
- Stories
- Games
- Science
- Volunteer (youth 13-17)



Scan to register ↓



"Give us this day our daily bread." Matthew 6:11



Volunteers Needed

July 17 – 21st, 5:30pm – 8:00pm



Contact Amanda Malefyt (269-744-7954) or Alyssa Miller (614-570-1816) if can lead a group or activity. We need help in the following areas:

- **Nursery:** Play with & help small children (0-2) with music and crafts
- **Guides:** Lead a group of children around to various activities
- **Activity Leaders:** Recreation, Craft, Science, Bible Story
- **Youth Assistants (ages 13-17):** Help lead an activity
- **Food Prep:** Prepare a meal for one evening. (Menu ideas provided)

Mary & Martha Menu

2-Jun	Chicken & Noodles
9-Jun	Breakfast for Dinner
16-Jun	Goulash
23-Jun	Spaghetti
30-Jun	Pulled Pork Sandwiches



Prayer List

Annette
Jean Brayton
Kenneth & Phyllis Briggs
Barbara Burkhart
Ann Carlisle
Tom Clark
Danny Davis
Mike Davis
Nelda Frederick
Nikki Fullbright
Rich & Jan Johnson
Lisa H.
Kim K.
Henrietta Kerkstra
Cathy Marbaugh
Cindy Paul
Jenna Purdy
Ann Smoker
Ashley Wilcox



**Those diagnosed with COVID-19*
**Our leaders, our nation, our world*
**People of Israel and Palestine*
**People of Afghanistan*
**People of Ukraine*
**Schools—students, teachers, school secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians, administrators, volunteers, bus drivers, social workers, lunch personnel, school counselors, and school board members*

Calendar

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

Pastor at MI Annual Conference 1st-4th

1 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

6:00 pm Faith & Food

2 Thursday

7:00 am Rotary

4:00 pm M&M Diner

6:30 pm SPRC Meeting

3 Friday—*Offices are closed*

6:30 pm Kids Safe Space

4 Saturday

5 Sunday—Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

Communion at both services

9:00 am Classic Service

10:30 am Casual Service

6 Monday

12:30 pm Prayer Group

6:30 pm All God's Children

7 Tuesday

7:00 pm Administrative Council
Mtg

8 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

9 Thursday

7:00 am Rotary

4:00 pm M & M Diner

6:30 pm Trustees Meeting

10 Friday—*Offices are closed*

6:30 pm Kids Safe Space

11 Saturday

12 Sunday—Rev. Julie Elmore-Last

Service at Coldwater UMC

Communion

10:00 am One service

Luncheon to follow

13 Monday

12:30 pm Prayer Group

14 Tuesday

15 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

6:00 pm Faith & Food

16 Thursday

7:00 am Rotary

4:00 pm M&M Diner

17 Friday—*Offices are closed*

10:00 am Kitchen in use

18 Saturday

10:00 am Worship Team Mtg

19 Sunday—Guest Speaker from BCCADSV

Father's Day

9:00 am Classic Service

Blood Pressure Checks

10:30 am Casual Service

20 Monday

12:30 pm Prayer Group

6:30 pm Care and Outreach

21 Tuesday

22 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

23 Thursday—Newsletter Deadline

7:00 am Rotary

4:00 pm M & M Diner

24 Friday—*Offices are closed*

25 Saturday

26 Sunday—Kathy Rockey Preaching

9:00 am Classic Service

10:30 am Casual Service

27 Monday

12:30 pm Prayer Group

28 Tuesday

29 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

6:30 pm Education Team Mtg.

30 Thursday

7:00 am Rotary

4:00 pm M & M Diner

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Liturgical Holidays 2022

June 5	Pentecost Sunday
September 11	Back to School Sunday
October 16	Laity Sunday
November 6	All Saints Sunday
November 27	First Sunday in Advent
December 18	Blue Christmas
December 24	Christmas Eve

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 nd	Megan Mainzinger <i>Don & Lois Heinemann</i>
3 rd	Brian Killian Olivia Searls <i>Brian & Brandi Killian</i>
4 th	Heather Snively
5 th	Elena Malefyt
6 th	Kay Thomas
7 th	Janet Shorno
9 th	Allyson Aker Alison Satow Jeremy Snively
11 th	Ava Gilchrist
12 th	Alexis Shenefield
13 th	Jerry Fuller Diane Godfrey <i>Ken & Judy Elliott</i>
15 th	Cecelia Ward <i>Gene & Shirley Easterday</i> <i>Dan & Kim Satow</i> <i>David & Beth Karney</i>
17 th	<i>David & Janet Kahler</i>

18 th	<i>Chuck & Jayne Lillis</i> Mary Haupt <i>AJ & Jessica Dirschell</i> <i>Mike & Lisa Renshaw</i>
21 st	Sherry Dart <i>Cathy & Leon Hansen</i>
23 rd	David & Lana Jacobs
24 th	Pat Morrill <i>Rich & Jan Johnson</i> <i>Mel & Ann Boltz</i> <i>Bill & Jan Robinson</i> <i>Cork & Carol Tinervia</i>
26 th	<i>Ed & Teri Dobson</i> <i>Anthony & Krista Searls</i>
27 th	Heather Hyliard Henrietta Kerkstra Jerry Brown
28 th	Lana Hunter John Rohloff <i>Jay & Jill Avery-Dobbertien</i>
30 th	<i>Bob & Marge Harris</i>

June 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 Bulletin Deadline 6 pm Faith & Food Pastor at MI Annual Conf.	2 7 am Rotary 4 pm M&M Diner 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting Pastor at MI Annual Conf.	3 Offices closed 6:30 pm Kids Safe Space Pastor at MI Annual Conf.	4 Pastor at MI Annual Conf.
5 Communion 9 am Classic Service 10:30 am Casual Service	6 12:30 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm All God's Children	7 7 pm Admin Council Mtg	8 Bulletin Deadline 6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 7 am Rotary 4 pm M&M Diner 6:30 pm Trustees Mtg	10 Offices closed 6:30 pm Kids Safe Space	11
12 Rev Julie Elmore's last service at CUMC Communion 10 am ONE SERVICE Luncheon following service	13 12:30 pm Prayer Group	14	15 Bulletin Deadline 6 pm Faith & Food	16 7 am Rotary 4 pm M&M Diner	17 Offices closed 10 am Kitchen in use	18 10 am Worship mtg
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Notes
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For the most current information view our online church calendar at

www.coldwaterum.org

<https://www.vertex42.com/calendars/>