

Sunday, February 26, 2023



Coldwater United Methodist Church

First Sunday in Lent

“I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.”
- Rosa Parks

PASTOR SCOTT MARSH

Office Hours: M-Thur. 9am-3pm

Michele Broughman ~ *Administrative Assistant*

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Tony Garn ~ *Multimedia coordinator*

Rasha Nasser ~ *Nursery Care*

SERVICES

9:00 Traditional Service

9:15 Children's Sunday school (*school year*)

10:30 Casual Service

***Special One Service Sundays are at 10 am**

WELCOME

We are glad to have you with us today.

Hearing devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month.

Ways to connect with us

The Options for viewing this Sunday's Service:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRGbDaBqke3ctmHq1ctf37w>.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/coldwaterum/>.

Coldwater UMC website

<https://www.coldwaterum.org/>

Coldwater United Methodist Church website Sermon's page:

<https://www.coldwaterum.org/copy-of-sermons>

Coldwater United Methodist Church website bulletins/newsletters page:

<https://www.coldwaterum.org/newsletters-bulletins>

Coldwater UMC updated calendar

<https://www.coldwaterum.org/calendar>

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Monday-Thursday 9 am – 3 pm

Please note that all *bulletin information & updates* need to be submitted to the Administrative Assistant each **Wednesday by 9:00 am**. Thank you for your assistance.

9:00 am – Classic Service

- *Prelude* *“I Want a Principle Within”*
Music: Louis Spohr (1834)
Source: United Methodist Hymnal
“A Community in Christ”
- *Gathering Song*
- *Welcome & Announcements*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ * (UMH # 607)*
- *Threshold Moment*
- *Calls to worship – based on Proverbs 8*
 - Leader: At the city gate a voice calls out “My cry is to all who live. O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it.*
 - People: **Hear, for I will speak noble things, for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.***
 - Leader: I, wisdom, live with prudence, and I attain knowledge and discretion. By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me rulers rule, and nobles, all who govern rightly.*
 - People: **Those who seek wisdom find it. Its fruit is better than gold for it leads us to righteousness and justice.***
 - Leader: Humble us in our worship, teach us your ways, give us insight and wisdom to respond as you do O Lord.*
- *Opening Hymn** *UMH # 410* *“I Want a Principle Within”*
- *Scripture* *Proverbs 8:22-36; Matthew 4:1-11*
- *Scripture Reading Response* *UMH # 71* *“Glory Be to the Father”*
- *Children’s Moment*
- *Message* *Pastor Scott Marsh* *“Driven by Desire”*
- *Responsive Hymn* *UMH # 399* *“Take My Life, and Let It Be”*
- *Offering/Tithes* *Chancel Choir* *“Order My Steps”*
- *Doxology* *UMH # 94* *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *Lord’s Prayers*
- *Closing Hymn ** *UMH # 593* *“Here I Am, Lord”*
- *Benediction **
- *Benediction Response ** *UMH # 357* *“Just As I Am” (Vs.5)*
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude* *“God, Whose Love Is Reigning O’er Us”*
Music: John Goss (1869)
Source: United Methodist Hymnal

*Stand as able

10:30 am – Casual Service

- *Gathering Song* *“A Community in Christ”*
- *Welcome & Announcements*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ * (UMH # 607)*
- *Threshold Moment*
- *Opening Hymns ** *W&S # 3002* *“Blessed Be Your Name”*
TFWS # 2080 *“All I Need is you”*
- *Scripture* *Proverbs 8:22-36; Matthew 4:1-11*
- *Scripture Reading Response* *W&S # 3009* *“Praise God for This Holy Ground” Vs. 2*
- *Children’s Moment*
- *Message* *Pastor Scott Marsh* *“Driven by Desire”*
- *Responsive Hymn* *TFWS # 2154* *“Please Enter My Heart, Hosanna”*
- *Offering/Tithes*
- *Doxology* *TFWS # 2036* *“Give Thanks”*
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *The Lord’s Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn ** *UMH # 593* *“Here I Am, Lord”*
- *Benediction*
- *Benediction Response ** *TFWS # 2280* *“The Lord Bless and Keep You”*
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude*

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Announcements

Bible Study beginning TODAY. “Getting Involved with God” by Ellen F. Davis

* **Option One** for this Study will be led by Diane Godfrey on Sundays following the second service from 11:30-12:30 pm Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

* **Option Two** for this Study will be led by Kathy Rockey on Monday evenings from 6:00-7:00 pm Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, and 27. ****Sign up on events board outside Friends Place**

March 11—Chili Cook Off is back! Registration forms outside of the sanctuary.

Pastor Scott will lead a Worship Service at Drew’s Place the first Tuesday of each month at 2 pm. If anyone from the congregation would like to join, please contact Pastor Scott.

Pastor Scott’s office is open to walk-ins on Tuesday’s from 9 am -12 pm. No appt. needed.

CHOIR—Chancel Choir will rehearse from 6:30 to 7:10 pm, and Cantata choir will rehearse from 7:15 to 8 pm.

All God's children invites all youth to the Friday night fun night every Friday from 6:30-8pm. **Youth Friday night fun night** is looking for donations of drinks and snacks, please! They be may left in the 2nd floor kitchen or near the elevator door.

All God’s Children meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Faith & Food - A Bible Study for those in their 20’s, 30’s & 40’s— The group is now meeting the second and fourth Sundays monthly from 12:00-1:15 pm. We need approved childcare workers for these days. Please contact the office to volunteer.

The Easter Offering will go to Jacob’s Well to help those in the community that are in need.

Tommy’s House current grocery list is available on the information table outside of Friend’s Place. Please take one.

Registration for 2023 Summer Church Camp has begun. Brochures are on the information table outside of Friend’s Place. Coldwater UMC provides camp scholarships to pay for camp. See more details in the March newsletter. Contact Ruth Proctor or Michele if questions.

Paul & Nora Meredith would like to invite everyone to celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, March 26 in the Fellowship Hall between 1st & 2nd services. **Please do not bring cards or gifts.** The best gift possible is sharing cookies, coffee, and genuine quality time with church family.

Announcements

Requests for Memorial Funds need to be submitted to Nancy Davis davisnmd@yahoo.com by March 14. Request forms can be found in the Memorial Committee mailbox. Please include where you would purchase the item(s) and total cost including shipping. Nancy Davis, Chair, Memorial Committee

Backpack Buddies—We will be collecting hairbrushes, combs, hair ties, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner, body wash or hand soap, socks boys and girls, wash clothes, deodorant, gloves, mittens, hats and scarves, dental floss. Grocery lists are available on the information table. Items will be collected through March 19th list. We still need plastic bags.

Join us throughout Lent as we consider the Habits of our Heart. Our 7 week worship series "Heart Habits- Growing Our Relationship with God" will focus on Hebrew Scripture that tells the tale of God's heart for us, and our heart for God. As the accompanying book study Getting involved with God states "...it is evident that the Old testament is urging us toward certain habits of heart and mind that "work: in our relationship with God." Join us as we discover these habits together. - Pastor Scott

Heart Habits worship series topics (Invite a friend!)

"Driven by Desire" Proverbs 8- Feb 26th

"A Growing Relationship" Exodus 33- March 5th

"Seeing Heart to Heart" Psalm 102- March 12th

"Break my Heart for What Breaks Yours" Psalm 51- March 19th

"Heart and Soul, Discovery at the Bottom" Isaiah 49- March 26th

"Listening to the Heart" Isaiah 50- Palm Sunday April 2nd

"God's Overflowing Heart" John 20- Easter Sunday April 9th

Coldwater UMC—Visioning Session #2 Refining initial values list – February 13, 2023

Session #1 (02.01.23) asked us to create a list of values from the following questions, We made a list of 37.

- Does this define our congregation?
- Is this who we are at our best?
- Is this a filter that we can use to make hard decisions?

In Session #2 (02.13.23) we narrowed our initial list of 37 values by sorting, combining, and eliminating words to make a list of the 5 Core values that best represent our church.

The Visioning team believe we are a congregation that values:

1. **FUN** For us this means :Silliness, Joyous, Playful, Enthusiasm, Music
2. **SERVANT LEADERSHIP** For us this means: Resourcefulness, Giving, Gratitude, Generosity
3. **Being WELCOMING** For us this means: Warmth, Friendliness, Respect, Care
4. **LOVE** For us this means: Charity, Compassion, Peace
5. **SPIRITUALITY** For us this means: Teaching (Skillfulness), Prayer, Faith, Devotion, Creativity

We will now take our list of 5 values and begin crafting a vision statement. We hope to finish this over the coming weeks so we can present our new vision statement to the congregation during the season of Lent.

Calendar

Sunday, February 26—Pastor Scott Marsh

9:00 am Classic Service
9:15 am Children's Church
10:30 am Casual Service
11:30 am Bible Study with Diane Godfrey
12:00 pm Faith & Food

Monday, February 27

12:30 pm Prayer Group
6:00 pm Bible Study with Kathy Rockey

Tuesday, February 28

9am-12pm Pastor Scott's office-walk-in hours

Wednesday, March 1—Bulletin Deadline

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm Cantata Rehearsal

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday, March 3—Offices are closed

5:30 pm Kids Safe Space

Saturday, March 4

10:00 am Worship Team Meeting

Sunday, March 5—Pastor Scott Marsh

Communion at both services
9:00 am Classic Service
9:15 am Children's Church
10:30 am Casual Service
11:30 am Bible Study with Diane Godfrey

Calendar beyond this week

Sunday, Apr 2 Easter Cantata/one service

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter 2023

April 2 Palm Sunday
April 6 Maundy Thursday
April 7 Good Friday
April 9 Easter Sunday

Prayer List

Annette
Jack Ferguson
David & Carol Hindenach
Bente Howe
Rich & Jan Johnson
Cathy Marbaugh
Cindy Paul
Co-worker of Kathy Rockey
Tyler S.
Beau Siler
Jeff Streets
Sue Wassenberg
Ashley Wilcox
Carolyn Yoder
*Family of Al Miller
*Those with illnesses
*Our leaders, our nation, our world
*The leaders within our church, committee meetings, and groups that gather

Please submit your Prayer request's by filling out the prayer request cards located in the pews, send an email to the church office or pastor, or call the office. *Please note that due to confidentiality the church will not publish prayer requests without permission of the individual being added to the prayer list/chain

2023 Special Sundays

Mar 19 UMCOR Sunday
Apr 23 Native American Sunday
May 14 Golden Cross Sunday
Jun 4 Peace with Justice Sunday
Aug 20 Christian Education Sunday
Sep 10 Rural Life Sunday
Oct 1 World Communion Sunday
Oct 15 Disability Awareness Sunday
Nov 26 UM Student Sunday