

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Coldwater United Methodist Church

3rd Sunday of Easter



Centering Thought

"By sheer grace, God will not permit us to live even for a brief period in a dream world. He does not abandon us to those rapturous experiences and lofty moods that come over us like a dream.

God is not a God of emotions but the God of truth. Only that fellowship which faces such disillusionment, with all its unhappy and ugly aspects, begins to be what it should be in God's sight, begins to grasp in faith the promise that is given to it. The sooner this shock of disillusionment comes to an individual and to a community the better for both...He who loves his dream of a community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter, even though his personal intentions may be ever so honest, earnest and sacrificial." -

Dietrich Bonhoeffer Life Together pg 27

WELCOME

“Coldwater UMC strives to be a safe harbor for all as we grow in Christ and respond to the Spirit with childlike curiosity.”

We are glad to have you with us today.

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

Holy Communion is celebrated on 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>

Amplify Media

<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify>

Access Code: YMDBXS

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Monday-Thursday 9 am – 3 pm

This is a gentle reminder to make certain that the doors are completely shut and locked behind you as you exit the building. Please do not attempt to utilize the door furthest from the fountain unless it's an emergency.

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.

Announcements

TODAY, Sunday, May 4th

- *Welcome to worship!*

If you have your picture in the church directory, please pick up your directory.

- *See the church office if you have questions.*

IT'S A BOY! A Baby "Sprinkle" for the Marsh family—

- *As you all may know, Pastor Scott, Meagan, and Leo Marsh are expecting a new baby boy, Auggie, in May. We would like to celebrate this special event with a baby "sprinkle" **immediately following worship on Sunday, May 11, in the Fellowship Hall.** All are welcome to attend! No sign up necessary. Cupcakes, coffee and cold drinks will be served. Gifts are optional. However, if anyone would like to give a gift, the family has made the following suggestions (not in order of importance): Diapers Baby clothes Money for a new car seat Meals that can be put in the freezer and reheated using disposable containers. (no mushrooms please) If you have questions, see LeeAnne Nagle or Diane Godfrey.*

Do you have a loved one graduating high school or college?

- *We would love to celebrate them on May 18th. Please send the office a digital picture and a short description of the graduate's details and future plans.*
- *This needs to be submitted by May 12th.*

Ladies, you are invited to the 2025 Ladies Luncheon at Quincy UMC on Thursday, May 15th at 12 noon.

- *Special presentation by Theresa Wood from Tommy's House.*
- *Kindly RSVP by Mon, May 5th 517-639-5035 or email umcquincy@gmail.com*

Pastor Scott will be on parental leave beginning on May 18th after service and will have return to church activities on Monday July 14th

Celebration of Life ~ Open House for Mary Fisher from 1 pm-4 pm on May 22, 2025 at the Coldwater Lake Association Bldg. Everyone is invited.

Grief Support Group will meet on Thursdays- May 8, 15, 22, 29 Time: 4:00-5:00 p.m. Where: Coldwater UMC Library "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4 ~ Please sign up on the event board outside of Friend's Place.

Announcements

Mother's Day is May 11th—In honor of Mother's Day May 11th, The Mission Team will be collecting donations for the Branch County Child Advocacy Center. It is a child center that is community-based, childfriendly, and multidisciplinary for children and families affected by abuse. If you would like to donate in honor of or in memory of someone for Mother's Day, please submit the form along with the amount due. Please have it to the office no later than May 6th.

Summer Camp and VBS Information

- **It's time to register for 2025 Summer Camp!** Coldwater UMC provides camp scholarships to pay for camp. Camp brochures are on the table outside of Friend's Place. Applications for camp scholarships are in the Endowment box. Contact Ruth Proctor or Michele if you have any questions.
 - **VBS is coming SOON!** We are happy to announce that we are collaborating with Bayshore Camp and they will be doing their 'On The Road Day Camp' again. The camp will run June 16-19 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm and is for children K-5th grades. This camp is free to all participants. We need a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 50 participants. Contact the office for instructions on how to sign up. Closer to the event, we will post sign up sheets for food donations, helpers, and for those that will open their homes for showers. Helpers will need to have the Child Protection completed as well as background checks. Again, please see Michele in the office.
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This week

Sunday, May 4— Pastor Scott Marsh

Communion

- 10:00 am Service
- 11:00 am Coffee hour
- 11:00 am Liturgist meeting
- 11:15 am Handbell rehearsal

Monday, May 5

- 10:30 am Staff meeting
- 6:30 pm All God's Children

Tuesday, May 6

- 9:00 am Pastor's office hours
- 2:00 pm Pastor at Drew's place

Wednesday, May 7—Bulletin Deadline

- 6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 8

- 7:00 am Rotary
- 10:00 am Nora's Knitters
- 4:00 pm M&M Diner
- 4:00 pm Grief Group

Friday, May 9—Offices are closed

Saturday, May 10

- 10:00 am Worship Team meeting

Sunday, May 11— Pastor Scott Marsh

Happy Mother's Day

- 10:00 am Service
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday school
- 11:00 am Coffee hour
- 11:15 am Handbell rehearsal

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

Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6 pm – 6:40 pm.

All God's Children meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Library.

Pastor Scott is now leading monthly worship service at:

- Lakehouse assisted living (first Sun at 1 pm)
- Drews place (first Tues at 2pm)
- Laurels (third Sun at 2:30 pm)

He is also assisting with Forgotten Man Jail Ministries, evenings the first Tuesday of each month.

If you'd like to assist in serving communion or share in these ministries contact Pastor or the church office.

Calendar beyond this week

- May 26** Church offices closed for Memorial Day
- May 19 - July 13th** Pastor Scott will be out of the office on Paternity Leave
- Jun 16-19** Vacation Bible School
- July 20** Worship in the Park (Riverbend)

PASTOR SCOTT MARSH

Pastor's open office hours: Tues. 9am-12pm

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

Michele Broughman ~ *Administrative Assistant*

Cindy Garn ~ *Music Ministry*

Tony Garn ~ *Multimedia coordinator*

Bianca Hubbard ~ *Nursery Care*

Chanda Hoyt ~ *Nursery Care*

CHURCH SERVICE TIME

(Childcare available 9:00 am – 11:30 am)

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Coffee hour

Prayer List

Pam (suffering from ALS-Friend of Sherry D)
Kathryn Adamonis
Kellie Arnett
Chris Boger
Carl Chatfield Jr.
Patrick Cole
Megan Dart (Endocrine failures-niece of Sherry D)
Joyce DePue (grandmother of Brandi K)
Mary Everline
Judah Fronczak
Terry Fuller
Deb & Johnny Green
Sue Heiliger
David & Carol Hindenach
Jan Johnson
Linda
Betty Little
Nancy Mahle
Cathy Marbaugh (Sister of Kelly M)
Mike Morrissey
Cindy Paul
Ruth Ann Pelmear
Jordyn Reed (5-year-old)
Ruthie Richards
Cheryl Robison
Charles Shelhart
John Snively
Stephanie ^(1/6)
Jaiden Stierle
Ashley Wilcox
Norma Yates

**Prayers for the family of Connie Karney*

**Our leaders, our nation, our world, the
leaders within our church, committee
meetings, and groups that gather*

2025 Special Giving Sundays

Jun 15 *Peace with Justice Sunday*
Jul 27 *Native American Ministries Sunday*
Oct 5 *World Communion Sunday*

NEW: *If you would like one or two words
to be added next to the name, please let
the office know.*

*(For example: John Smith – medical OR
John Smith – broken leg)*

*Please submit your Prayer requests 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.*
