

# Coldwater United Methodist Church



## Pastor's Desk

I believe the Kingdom of God will be free from guns and violence in general. This statement probably isn't too big of a stretch for most of us to make. What use would there be for a gun in heaven? It's hard to argue that there would be any need to kill for food or in defense in such a place? Why would anyone quarrel when resting in paradise? We can make a strong assumption that we will have everything we need and that as we rest from our labor God's peace would flow through all seated at that banquet.

I think about that banquet hall of heaven often, more importantly to my article today I think of Matthew 19:16-21, Mt 22:34-40, and Mt 26:47-56, and how our scripture calls us to act in response to violence. I firmly believe we are called to non-violence as Christians. For nothing follows our Hebrew heritage more, nothing models a love of neighbor more, nothing follows Jesus' exact words more, than a commitment to non-violence. We are called to respond to fear, vengeance, hatred, and violence in different ways than society upholds, ways that Jesus modeled. I base a lot of my ministry on trying to bring heaven here, or at least I try to. And in doing so I join a long lineage of Christians who have sought to build the kingdom here. Men and Women who were martyred, who answered hatred, fear and violence with an enduring resolution and peace filled way. People who sought a distance but none the less prophetic future without violence. Justin Martyr, Tertullian, Origen, google these names and non-violence and you will find an early Church committed to pacifism. Better yet read this article by the Gospel Coalition linked [Here](#).

I've been held up at gun point, it was the scariest moment of my life thus far, I felt powerless, and I believe it was only through God that I found safety that night. In the days that followed, as I replayed it in my mind, I resolved that I might not be here today if I was armed. That another gun lifted in that situation would have resulted in injury or worse, death. As I have dealt with depression in my 20's I'm glad I never resolved to end my own life, but many who have, do and do so with a firearm. Suicide is a top three leading cause of death for young people in our nation currently, and for veterans, we lose approximately 22 each day in this way. Not all of these deaths are the result of a firearm, but we all know that it contributes. This tool, too often for my liking, is used to address a temporary problem with a permanent solution. Thus, I believe it is time to reconsider what guns mean to us. Furthermore, my faith pushes me to promote non-violent action. So as shootings, suicides, and other gun violence continue daily in our nation, I've resolved to do something about it with the time I've been given here on earth. That I will answer God with an open heart upon my death, that my labor sought to bring about a new peaceful way beyond guns.

On March 22nd, I will be joining hundreds of other Methodists from across the State of Michigan for a day of Advocacy at our state Capital. This is the result of Annual conference legislation passed in the 2022 session which found a large margin of support. Click [Here](#) for a link with more information this day and to sign up. I will be there. We will be meeting with our legislators, asking them to pass common sense gun laws. If you don't agree with me that's fine, I encourage you to pursue a method towards a peaceful resolution surrounding Gun violence that better aligns with your values. We all can agree the death of innocent lives should cease and that we need to work towards this end. I can only seek ways to peace that make sense to me, yet even so, it is my hope that you will join me and others as we try to solve this.

May peace prevail,  
Rev. Scott Marsh

<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/teen-suicides-increased-many-states-pandemic-rcna25825>

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## Giving Sundays for 2023

Mar 19	UMCOR Sunday
Apr 23	Native American Ministries Sunday
Jun 4	Peace with Justice Sunday
Oct 1	World Communion Sunday
Nov 26	United Methodist Student Day



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

## Church 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

**\*\*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.

## M & M Diner ~ February Menu

2-Feb    *Pork Loin*  
9-Feb    *Breakfast for dinner*  
16-Feb   *Scalloped Potatoes & Ham*  
23-Feb   *Spaghetti*

## One Service Sundays

**April 2    Easter Cantata**



## Nurses Notes

One of my biggest pet peeves is when someone is taking a medication and doesn't know the name of it or what it is for. Another is if you have more than one physician, do all of your physicians know what medications your taking?

These days when we go to a physician, they ask you to bring all your medications in for your appointment or entire list of your medications with the dosages. Great idea! However, do you also bring or write down all the over-the-counter (OTC) meds you are taking? OTC meds may include vitamin supplements, aspirin, ibuprophen, and herbal supplements. This is important information for your physicians to know if he/she writes a new prescription for you.

If you're interested in checking out how drugs react to each other, you can search and check out the Mayo Clinic drug and supplement database or the MedlinePlus database.

There are six tips that the Mayo Clinic suggests you do when taking prescription and OTC medications, supplements and herbs.

1. Always take medication as prescribed by your physician.
2. Be very open with your physician with all your medications including the over the counter ones. Some ingredients in medications can become dangerous if mixed together.
3. Do not take someone else's medication or should you not share your medication.
4. Talk to your pharmacist about potential side effects or signs of an allergic reaction.
5. Make sure you are taking the correct dose of your medication and don't split pills unless your doctor or your pharmacist says it is okay. Coated pills are to be long lasting and/or to protect your stomach.
6. Try to use the same pharmacy for all of your medications.

These are just some tips to know the name of your medication, why you are taking it, and the correct dosage. Most of us know the names of the foods we ingest and how that specific food will react to our body. This is true for medications and for our good health.

Next blood pressure check February 19, 2023.

Keep Healthy!  
Lana Hunter, R. N.



## A Message from Your Finance Team

Our operating budget consists of the cost of running the church and programs each year. It does not include the cost of capital improvements (which are paid for from designated/trust funds) or outreach ministries (which are funded by specified donations). Our operating budget for 2023, which was approved by Ad Council in January, is \$260,000 (avg. \$5,000 per week).

<u>Summary of our 2023 operating budget by category:</u>	<u>Budget \$</u>	<u>Budg-</u>
<u>et %</u>		
Operating expense (maintenance, utilities, bldg. & liability ins.)	\$ 92,407	35%
Pastor - salary & benefits (incl. health insurance & pension)	75,875	29%
Pastor – reimburse travel, conference, professional exp.	4,100	2%
Church Staff wages & payroll taxes	51,720	20%
Program expense (worship, education, music, fellowship, etc.)	10,800	4%
Conference and District Ministry shares	<u>25,098</u>	
<u>10%</u>		
Total operating budget for 2023:	<u>\$260,000</u>	
<u>100%</u>		

The 2023 budget is an increase of just \$1,600 over the 2022 budget. Your leadership is working hard to keep our expenses down and be fiscally responsible. Our costs have increased due to inflation and our income has not kept pace. We transferred \$26,385 from our trust funds to balance our budget in 2022. Our budget for 2023 includes an estimated shortfall of \$30,000, which will need to come from increased donations or additional transfers from trust funds.

**These continue to be financially challenging times for all of us. Our ministry and outreach would not be possible without you! We appreciate your continued generosity and faithful support of the ministry at Coldwater United Methodist Church.**

Ruth Proctor, Finance Chair



## **I Am Your Church Budget**

Through me, families are launched in marriage, persons are baptized, the young are trained in Christian character.

I provide a Church Sunday school, Nursery care, Vacation Bible School, Youth Group activities, and Camp Scholarships for your children.

I provide music to enrich your worship, Bible studies and spiritual conversation, preaching and pastoral services to strengthen your spiritual life and relationship with God and other believers.

I heat and cool your church building and keep it in repair for your comfort and use. I do your custodial work.

I reach out to your community with the Mary & Martha Diner, Rotary breakfasts, Shawl ministry, Gleaners that harvest crops for the Food Pantry, Backpack Buddies donations, Youth Friday Fun Night, and a Mission Auction to support local missions, to name a few outreach programs.

I help to train ministers in the seminaries and I aid those who retire after years of faithful service to God through the Church.

Our Ministry Shares support Michigan campus ministries, help fund our Michigan camps, support several national and international missions, provide clergy support and resources available to us from the Michigan Conference.

No matter where disaster strikes, I am there with your support of UMCOR and volunteering at the Midwest Distribution Center.

I am YOUR BUDGET. Believe in me: support me that I may carry on in your name. With your help I make possible all of these services and more. As the budget, I am YOU AT WORK!

But, I do need your help. I do need your support. Without your pledges to undergird me, I am helpless. Your pledges are my foundation, my supporting walls.

I am your money, your prayer and your concern translated into action. I can do only what you, through your donations, make it possible for me to do.

Submitted by Ruth Proctor

## Small Groups

### Bible Study beginning in February!

*"Getting Involved with God" by Ellen F. Davis "This is a book about getting, and staying, involved with God—what it takes, what it costs, what it looks and feels like, why anyone would want to do it anyway. It is at the same time a book about reading the Old Testament as a source of Good News and guidance for our life with God. The key piece of Good News that the Old Testament communicates over and over again is that God is involved with us, deeply and irrevocably so."*  
—from the Introduction

\* **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.

**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.

**Prayer Group** meets on Mondays at 12:30 pm

**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 Tuesdays monthly from 6:00-7:15 pm.

**Knit Wits**—will meet on February 3 and March 3 at 10 am in Friend's Place. Please join us if you like to knit, want to learn to knit, or simply for conversation. See Nora Meredith for more details.

### This and that

**Chancel Choir practice** is on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8pm.

### Committee News

**Backpack Buddies**—*Thank you for your donations to the Backpack Buddies Program. They are still in need of supplies. They are currently serving over 40 children every week. They purchase food packets for \$5 each to send home. If you would like to donate monetary funds, please make the check out to "BCCADSV" (Branch County Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence) with a note in the memo "for Backpack Buddies" and place in the offering plate or drop off in the office. They also need plastic grocery bags. Drop them off at church if you have any to donate.*



**Pastor and our church leaders** invite you to pray for Boards and Committees.

**Dear Lord,** Work through our leaders. Grant that they may be attune with our needs and present mission, so that we may answer your calling in this time and place. May the wind of your spirit blow through our church guiding us in your way. In all things we pray. Amen

## Notes to the congregation

**T**he Vision team begins meeting this month. We will be crafting a new vision state for Coldwater UMC. We See this as “God’s preferred future for us”, rooted in our values, responding to our needs. The Visioning Team is as follows.

Dick Zeluff  
Jan Robinson  
Joan Mckinnon  
Diane Godfrey  
Beth Karney  
Alyssa Miller  
Tony Garn  
Mckenzie Stockwell  
And Pastor Scott Marsh

The Vision Team will be meeting with MIUMC conference employee Laura Witkowski to guide us through this process.

### You're Invited YOUTH COLLECTIVE LOCK-IN

February 4th-5th 4:00PM - 11:00 AM at

University UMC You have a special place at our table. We hope you will join us for fellowship and fun.

With grace, Rachel, Sara, Maddy, Scott, Terri,  
& Robby

RSVP by scanning



## Upcoming Events

### **February 22 Ash Wednesday—**

*Ecumenical Service with Concord, Girard, Quincy UMC churches, and Presbyterian and St. Marks Episcopal Churches. Service times are 12:00-12:15 pm and 6:00-6:30 pm*

### **SUB SANDWICH SALES have begun!**

*Young Michigan Dances are once again selling subs for Super Bowl Sunday, February 12. Subs are only \$10 each. Please complete one form per sub sandwich and place in the designated box in the narthex along with your payment. Envelopes are available. Sales will continue through Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and then you may pick up your sandwich(es) between 9:30 am-12:00 noon on Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Join Bishop David Bard: HOLY LAND TRIP Nov. 13-22, 2023**

Please find a brochure with the detailed information posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex across the Sanctuary.

Two additional Extension Trips available as well:  
Wonders of Petra and the Dead Sea  
or  
Nile Cruise into Cairo.

If you need a brochure, call Nancy Davis.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Ray Renner
- 4 Sally Brayton
- 5 Michael Renshaw
- 6 Ward Hunter
- 8 Mike Davis
- 8 Carol Tinervia
- 9 Leon Hansen
- 10 Judy Elliott
- 12 Sharon Shenefield
- 13 Bill Curry
- 14 Greg & Kathy Rockey  
Becky Pridgeon
- 15 Sonya Vorce
- 17 Jan Garr
- 18 John Tinervia
- 19 Michael Frambes
- 20 Jordan Jacobs
- 26 Bill Robinson
- 27 Mackenzie Renshaw
- 28 Cindy Garn
- 29 David Jacobs

## PRAYER LIST

Annette  
Jack Ferguson  
David & Carol Hindenach  
Bente Howe  
Rich & Jan Johnson  
Ron Lovell  
Cathy Marbaugh  
Al Miller  
Heath Morrison  
Cindy Paul  
Co-worker of Kathy Rockey  
Beau Siler  
Jeff Streets  
Sue Wassenberg  
Ashley Wilcox  
Carolyn Yoder  
*\*Those diagnosed with COVID-19*  
*\*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 locat-  
ed in the pews, send an email to the  
church office or pastor, or call the office.*

# February 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Bulletin Deadline 6:30 pm Visioning 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 7:00 am Rotary 4:00 pm M&M Diner 5:30 pm SPRC Mtg	<b>3</b> <i>Church offices are closed</i> 10:00 am Knit Wits 5:30 pm Kids Safe Space	<b>4</b> 10 am Worship Team Mtg. Youth lock in at University UMC 4 pm - 11 am
<b>5</b> Communion 9:00 am Classic Service 9:15 am Children's SS 10:30 am Casual Service	<b>6</b> 12:30 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm All God's Children	<b>7</b> 6:00 pm Faith & Food	<b>8</b> Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 7:00 am Rotary 4:00 pm M&M Diner 6:30 pm Trustees Mtg	<b>10</b> <i>Church offices are closed</i> 5:30 pm Kids Safe Space	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:00 am Sub Sales 9:00 am Classic Service 9:15 am Children's SS 10:30 am Casual Service	<b>13</b> 12:30 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Visioning	<b>14</b> Valentines Day	<b>15</b> Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 7:00 am Rotary 4:00 pm M&M Diner	<b>17</b> <i>Church offices are closed</i> 5:30 pm Kids Safe Space	<b>18</b>
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For the most current information view our online church calendar at

[www.coldwaterum.org](http://www.coldwaterum.org)