

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

*Coldwater United Methodist Church*

**Second Sunday in Lent**



*Centering Thought*

*Jesus layers on spiritual metaphors for water: liberation, yearning for salvation, hospitality, healing, and as a source of life. With each poetic turn, his invitation to these waters becomes more compelling. Wisdom like a spring bubbles us through his insights. He gives water, and he is water. Just as John indicated earlier, the kingdom comes through water and spirit. Grounded pg. 76*

# 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.

## 10:00 am – Combined Service

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- *Prelude* *“Come, All of You”*  
*Music: Thai folksong*  
*Source: United Methodist Hymnal*
  
- *Welcome*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ\**
- *Call to Worship (From Flames of the Spirit)*
  - Leader: Lent calls us to journey along the edge, to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem.*
  - People: Lent calls us to the cutting edge, when the wheat falls to the ground and new life comes forth, the cutting of a new covenant.*
  - Leader: Lent calls us not only to give up something, but also to take ourselves as community the intention of true participation in the mystery of God with us.*
  - People: Lent calls us to corporate penitence, accountability, and preparation.*
  - Leader: Lent calls us to concentrate upon our baptismal vocation to be a sign of the New Earth.*
  - Leader: Lent calls us to face the darkness without holding a flashlight*
- *Opening Hymns\** *W&S # 3152* *“Welcome”*  
*UHM # 124* *“Seek the Lord” (vs 1,2)*
- *Scripture* *Isaiah 55:1-9, John 4:7-15*
- *Scripture Reading Response UMH # 71* *“Glory Be to the Father”*
- *Children’s Moment*
- *Message* *Pastor Scott Marsh* *“Drawing from the Living Well”*
- *Responsive Hymn* *W&S # 3093* *“Fill My Cup, Lord”*
- *Offering/Tithes* *Chancel Choir* *“River in Judea”*
- *Doxology* *TFWS # 2036* *“Give Thanks”*
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *The Lord’s Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn\** *W&S # 3114* *“Come to the Water”*
- *Announcements*
- *Benediction \**
- *Benediction Response \** *TFWS # 2280* *“The Lord Bless and Keep You”*
- *Carrying out the Light \**
- *Postlude*

*\*Stand as able*

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## Announcements

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### **TODAY, Sunday, March 16th**

- Welcome to worship
- Blood Pressure checks today

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### **Lenten Study: Grounded by Diana Butler Bass—Meetings dates are:**

- Sundays 9 am – 9:45 am March 16, (23-no class), 30, April 6, 13
- Mondays 2 pm – 3 pm March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14

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**Lent is a season of reflection, denying oneself for spiritual gain, or taking on habits that will bear good fruit.** In such a time we need fresh challenges and encouragement to aid in our efforts. In this spirit and with an eye towards connectional ministry Pastor Scott will be participating in a pulpit swap on March 23rd with Rev. Rachel Labram. Pastor Scott will preach at Quincy and Concord UMC's on the 23rd and Rev. Rachel will preach at Coldwater, each returning to their pulpits the following week. We welcome the talented preacher and look forward to her good word in this season of Lent

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**WANTED** Plastic eggs and Candy donations, as well as volunteers to fill the eggs for our Ecumenical Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring your donations to the church office by April 1st. Got some spare time to spread some joy? Help us prepare for our 1st annual Ecumenical Easter Egg Hunt by filling eggs with candy.

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### **Our church would like to continue its long-standing tradition of serving dinner to the Tibbits**

- **Summer Theatre cast and crew this summer.** The dinners range from 15-35 people, 4 times during the summer depending upon the show. The meals are prepared at the church and served at the Tibbits. Meal dates are June 19, July 3, July 17, and July 31 from 5-6:30 p.m. If a small group or committee within the church is interested in preparing and serving one or more meals this summer, contact Diane Godfrey.

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**Grief Support Group at Coldwater UMC** “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

- **Meeting dates:** Thursdays- April 3, 10, 17, 24
- **Time:** 4:00-5:00 pm in the Coldwater UMC Library

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**In 1958 a 126-year collection of stories, records and history was compiled for the First Methodist Church in Coldwater MI (see the Narthex for a copy of this).** In seven years on June 19th, 2032, we will be celebrating 200 years of ministry in Coldwater. With this in mind our church is interested in collecting stories from members, sorting and digitizing basement files, and compiling another historical book to be printed at our 200th anniversary. Do you have a love of local history, or a knack for journalism? Would you like to help us this effort? Contact Pastor Scott with interest.

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## Announcements

**Join us for an ecumenical Easter-egg hunt on April 19th from 9-12.** Partnering with St. Mark's Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, Coldwater Community Center and Coldwater UMC; our goal is to host a block wide Easter Egg Hunt for Children 12 and under. Egg hunts will be divided into categories by age (0-3, 4-8, 9-12) and given designated zones to search. We will have a DJ using a speaker system outside and tents with promotional materials from supporting organizations. There will be a booth to get pictures with an Easter Bunny. To foster the safety of this event and its participants we will be requesting to close down church street between Marshall St. and N Hudson St. during the event (9am-12p). We plan to offer nonalcoholic prepackaged refreshments at the event. Event participation is free.





## **This week**

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### **Sunday, Mar 16—Pastor Scott Marsh**

Blood pressure checks

10:00 am Service

11:00 am Coffee hour

11:30 am Handbell rehearsal

2:30 pm Pastor at the Laurels

### **Monday, Mar 17**

10:30 am Staff meeting

6:00 pm Fellowship hall reserved

### **Tuesday, Mar 18**

9:00 am Pastor's office hours

6:00 pm Finance Meeting

7:00 pm Administrative Council meeting

### **Wednesday, Mar 19—Bulletin Deadline**

9:00 am Sanctuary reserved

6:00 pm Choir Practice

6:45 pm Cantata Practice

### **Thursday, Mar 20—Newsletter deadline**

7:00 am Rotary

10:00 am Nora's Knitters

4:00 pm M&M Diner

### **Friday, Mar 21—Offices are closed**

### **Saturday, Mar 22**

### **Sunday, Mar 23—Rev. Rachel Labram**

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**

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**Arp 6** Handbell Sunday

**Apr 13** Cantata Sunday/Palm Sunday

**Apr 18** Good Friday service 12 noon

**Apr 19** Easter egg hunt 9am-12pm

**Apr 20** Easter Sunday services

7 am, 8 am breakfast, 10 am

## **2025 Special Giving Sundays**

**Mar 30** UMCOR Sunday

**May** UM Student Day

**May 4** Native American Ministries Sunday

**Jun 15** Peace with Justice Sunday

**Oct 5** World Communion Sunday

### **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**

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Annette (sister of Gail Widener)  
Pam  
Kathryn Adamonis  
Kellie Arnett  
Chris Boger  
Carl Chatfield Jr.  
Joyce DePue (grandmother of Brandi K)  
Mary Everline  
Judah Fronczak  
Terry Fuller  
Louie (Shenefield) Gilbert  
Deb & Johnny Green  
Sue Heiliger  
David & Carol Hindenach  
Barb Johnson  
Jan Johnson  
Linda  
Chuck Lillis  
Nancy Mahle  
Cathy Marbaugh (Sister of Kelly M)  
Mike Morrissey  
Cindy Paul  
Richard  
Ruth Ann Pelmear  
Ruthie Richards  
Cheryl Robison  
Charles Shelhart  
Sandra Smith (surgery on 1-20)  
John Snively  
Stephanie (1/6)  
Jaiden Stierle  
Ashley Wilcox  
Norma Yates

*\*Family of Betty Dearing*

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

**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)**

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*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.*

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