
Sunday, December 4, 2022

COLDWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent

Centering Thought



"...what is the nature of the new birth? It is that great change which God works in the soul when he brings it into life; when he raises it from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. It is the change wrought in the whole soul by the almighty Spirit of God when it is "created anew in Christ Jesus;" when it is "renewed after the image of God, in righteousness and true holiness;" when the love of the world is changed into the love of God; pride into humility; passion into meekness; hatred, envy, malice, into a sincere, tender, disinterested love for all mankind. In a word, it is that change whereby the earthly, sensual, devilish mind is turned into the "mind which was in Christ Jesus." This is the nature of the new birth: "So is every one that is born of the Spirit." - "The New Birth" John Wesley

Pastor Scott Marsh

Michele Broughman
Administrative Assistant
Office Hours: M-Thur. 9am-3pm

Cindy Garn
Music Ministry

Cheyenne Jonas & Rasha Nasser
Nursery Care

Services

9:00 Traditional Service
9:15 Children's Sunday school
(During the 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* *“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”*
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1911)
Arranged by C. Garn
“A Community in Christ”
- *Gathering Song*
- *Welcome & Announcements*
- *Threshold Moment*
- *Calls to worship – “Cloth for the Cradle” By Wild Goose Worship*
- *Opening Hymn** *UMH # 203* *“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”*
- *Baptism of Maesyn Grace Killian* *UMH #33-38*
- *Advent wreath lighting* *‘Love’* *The Killian Family*
- *Advent Wreath Response* *“The Candle of Love” (Vs.4)*
- *Scripture* *Matthew 3:1-12; Isaiah 11:1-10*
- *Scripture Reading Response* *UMH # 71* *“Glory Be to the Father”*
- *Children’s Moment* *Meagan Marsh*
- *Message* *Pastor Scott Marsh* *“Wise Waters”*
- *Responsive Hymn* *UHM # 211* *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*
- *Offering/Tithes* *Chancel Choir* *“Prepare the Way of the Lord”*
- *Doxology* *UMH # 94* *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *Invitation, Confession, and Pardon (UMH page 12-14)*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ **
- *The Great Thanksgiving*
- *Lord’s Prayers*
- *Closing Hymn ** *UMH # 210* *“Toda la Tierra” (All Earth is Waiting) Vs.1,2,3*
- *Benediction **
- *Benediction Response ** *UMH # 202* *“People, Look East” (Vs.2)*
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude*

**Stand as able*

10:30 am – Casual Service

- *Gathering Song* *“A Community in Christ”*
- *Welcome & Announcements*
- *Threshold Moment*
- *Opening Hymns ** *W&S # 3176* *“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”*
- *TFWS # 2163* *“He Who Began a Good Work in You” (2x thru)*
- *Advent wreath lighting* *‘Love’*
- *Advent Wreath Response* *“The Candle of Love” Vs. 4*
- *Scripture* *Matthew 3:1-12; Isaiah 11:1-10*
- *Scripture Reading Response* *W&S # 3009* *“Praise God for This Holy Ground” (Vs. 2)*
- *Children’s Moment*
- *Message* *Pastor Scott Marsh* *“Wise Waters”*
- *Responsive Hymn* *TFWS # 2089* *“Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”*
- *Offering/Tithes*
- *Doxology* *TFWS # 2036* *“Give Thanks”*
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *Invitation, Confession, and Pardon (UMH page 12-14)*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ **
- *The Great Thanksgiving*
- *The Lord’s Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn ** *UMH # 210* *“Toda la Tierra (All Earth is Waiting)” Vs.1,2,3*
- *Benediction*
- *Benediction Response ** *W&S # 3130* *“Come, Emmanuel” (Vs. 4)*
- *Carrying out the Light **

**Stand as able*

CENSUS FORM

*By order of his imperial majesty
CAESAR AUGUSTUS
All the world is to be taxed*

Please look at the following questions and discuss your answers with your neighbors. They are intended to help you prepare for the census which will register people for taxation purposes.

You, or the head of your household, will be required to walk to the place of your birth.

- a) Where is that place?
- b) How long will it take you to travel on foot?
- c) Where can you be accommodated if the census registration involves a day or two queuing?

Announcements

TODAY—Gingerbread Bash—ONE day VBS from 2p – 5p. There’s still time to sign up!

Pastor Scott is posting a Daily Devotional throughout Advent to Epiphany (Nov 27- Jan 6) based on the book “Celebrating Abundance” by Walter Brueggemann. Look for it on the Coldwater UMC’s Facebook page.

Join us on December 11 for one service at 10 am to hear the Christmas Cantata.

Charge Conference—Dec. 11 at 2:30 pm (SPRC meets with DS at 2pm)

The Presbyterian Christmas Tea will be held on Saturday, December 10th at 1:30 P.M. Reservations must be in by December 1st. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside of Friend’s Place. There is a maximum of 10 people from our church that can attend.

On our next Youth Collective lock-in is scheduled for December 10 – 11th at Concord UMC. Join 5 different area UMC Youth Groups for a time of fellowship and fun. Our theme is “Grace is a Gift” contact Pastor Scott if you are interest.

Announcements

January 14, 2023—MEN'S STEAKOUT IS BACK!! The 26th Annual Branch County Men of Integrity Steak Out's featured speaker is Ken Bevel. You may remember Ken by his role as Lieutenant Michael Simmons in the 2008 inspirational movie "Fireproof" and for his role as Nathan Hayes in "Courageous." Tickets are \$20 and are now on sale and can be purchased at Becker Eye Care, 35 S. Michigan Ave., Coldwater. First come, first serve.

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**Our Christmas services are as follows:**

- ~ **December 11 at 10:00 am – Canata combined service**
- ~ **December 18 at 4:00 pm—Blue Christmas.** This service is for those who have experienced a loss of a loved one and the holidays can be difficult without them. Join us for this special service.
- ~ **December 24 at 5:00 pm—Family Christmas Eve Service**
- ~ **December 24 at 11:00 pm—Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**
- ~ **December 25 at 10:00 am—Christmas Day Service.** Just one service at 10 am.

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Poinsettias can now be ordered for \$11 each. Please see the insert for the order form.

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**Backpack Buddies are collecting non-perishables in individual sizes.** They will be turned in Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. Items that can be donated are: Granola bars, pudding cups, jello cups, fruit cups, cheese & peanut butter crackers, tuna, soups, popcorn, mac n'cheese, peanut butter individual sizes, and healthy snacks. Thank you, Cindy Stevens and our backpack buddies

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

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**Faith & Food - A Bible Study for those in their 20's, 30's & 40's—** The group is now meeting the first and third Tuesdays monthly from 6:00-7:15 pm. We need approved childcare workers for these nights. Please contact the office to volunteer.

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Rehearsals for Chancel Choir are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm. (Cantata practice will be 7:15-8:15 pm)

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**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.

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The Christmas offering will be going to Coach Eby Youth and Family Center, Inc. and to Tommy's House.

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

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## Worship Assistants

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|                       | 4-Dec              | 11-Dec                                             | 18-Dec             |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                       |                    | <b>ONE SERVICE - CANTATA &amp;<br/>CHARGE CONF</b> |                    |
| Liturgist 9:00 am     | Diane Godfrey      | Diane Godfrey                                      | Kendra Shook       |
| Liturgist 10:30 am    | Chuck Lillis       |                                                    | Kendra Shook       |
| Usher 1 - 9:00 am     |                    | Curt Proctor                                       |                    |
| Usher 2 - 9:00 am     |                    |                                                    |                    |
| Usher 1 - 10:30 am    |                    |                                                    |                    |
| Usher 2 - 10:30 am    |                    |                                                    |                    |
| Teller 1              | Grace Parshall     | Sheila Walrack                                     | Cheryl Robison     |
| Teller 2              | Terry Stewart      | Dot Young                                          | Ann Boltz          |
| Teller 3              | Shirley Easterday  | Jill Avery                                         | Sherry Dart        |
| Coffee Set up 1       | Cheryl Robison     | Tom Shenefield                                     |                    |
| Coffee Set up 2       | Dottie Young       | Sharon Shenefield                                  |                    |
| Fellowship Clean Up 1 | Linda Luce         | Tom Shenefield                                     | Rick Furney        |
| Fellowship Clean Up 2 |                    | Sharon Shenefield                                  | Pat Furney         |
| Pulpit 9:00 am        | Pastor Scott Marsh | Pastor Scott Marsh                                 | Pastor Scott Marsh |
| Pulpit 10:30 am       | Pastor Scott Marsh | Pastor Scott Marsh                                 | Pastor Scott Marsh |

## Giving & Attendance

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| <b>Nov 27</b> | \$3,090.00 | <i>(\$4,800.00 Needed for weekly for our Operating Budget)</i> |
| <b>Nov 27</b> | 9:00 am    | 57                                                             |
|               | 10:30 am   | 41                                                             |
|               | Online     | 297                                                            |

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## Flowers

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In loving memory of Michael Fillmore  
~ Cindy Garn

## Mary & Martha Diner

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| <b>1-Dec</b>  | Chicken & Biscuits     |
| <b>8-Dec</b>  | Beef & Noodles         |
| <b>15-Dec</b> | Goulash                |
| <b>22-Dec</b> | Christmas Dinner       |
| <b>29-Dec</b> | Pulled Pork Sandwiches |

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## **Calendar**

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**Sunday, December 4—Pastor Scott Marsh**

**Communion**

**Baptism of Maesyn Grace Killian**

**9:00 am Classic Service**

**9:15 am Children's Church**

**10:30 am Casual Service**

**Monday, December 5**

**12:30 pm Prayer Group**

**6:30 pm All God's Children**

**Tuesday, December 6**

**Wednesday, December 7—Bulletin Deadline**

**6:00 pm Faith & Food**

**6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal**

**Thursday, December 8**

**7:00 am Rotary**

**4:00 pm M&M Diner**

**6:30 pm Trustees Meeting**

**Friday, December 9—Offices are closed**

**10:00 am Knits Wits (check with Nora)**

**6:00 pm Kids Safe Space**

**Saturday, December 10**

**Sunday, December 11—Pastor Scott Marsh**

**10:00 am Cantata & Combined Service**

**2:30 pm Charge Conference**

## **Calendar beyond this week**

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**December 18 – Blue Christmas at 4 pm**

## **Prayer List**

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Annette

Rich & Jan Johnson

Pam Jones

Carrie Lintner

Cathy Marbaugh

Cindy Paul

Barb Pluister

Bob Pluister

Ruthie Richards

David & Carol Hindenach

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 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*