

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Coldwater United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Centering Thought

"Jewish Theologian Martin Buber explained that most arenas of human activity- politics, economics, and education- actually alienate us, because they treat human beings as objects. Modern culture has trained us to distance ourselves from one another, seeing others and the world itself as something to be observed, examined and critiqued."

- Diana Butler Bass Grounded pg 222

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

- *Prelude* Handbell Choir
"All Glory, Laud and Honor"
"My Lord, What a Morning"
- *Welcome*
- *Call to Worship (From 'Flames of the Spirit' by R. Duck)*
 - 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 new covenant.**
 - Leader:* Lent calls us not only to give up something, but also to take upon 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.
 - People:* **Lent calls us to face the darkness without holding a flashlight**
- *Opening Hymns** UMH # 562 "Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee"
(to the tune of "There's a Spirit in the Air")
TFWS #2236 "Gather Us In"
- *Scripture* Romans 1:7-17, Matthew 18:15-22
- *Scripture Reading Response* UMH # 71 "Glory Be to the Father"
- *Children's Moment*
- *Hymn* UMH # 77 "How Great Thou Art"
- *Message* Pastor Scott Marsh "The Object of our Communal Desire"
- *Responsive Hymn* W&S # 3149 "A Place at the Table"
- *Offering/Tithes* Chancel Choir "Come to the Feast"
- *Doxology* TFWS # 2036 "Give Thanks"
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *Invitation, Confession, and Pardon*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ**
- *The Great Thanksgiving*
- *The Lord's Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn** "Song of Community" (words on screen)
- *Announcements*
- *Benediction **
- *Benediction Response ** Handbell Choir "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross"
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude*

*Stand as able

Announcements

TODAY, Sunday, April 6th

- *Welcome to worship—Today we take communion and enjoy the sounds of the Handbell Choir*

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

- *Mondays 2 pm – 3 pm April 7, 14*

EASTER LILLY/TULIP order forms are due to the office with payment by April 10th!

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.*

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

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

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? Contact Pastor Scott with interest.*

This year, our Easter Offering will go toward Jacob’s Well Ministries at Hope Church. *This is a mission rooted in compassion and service, offering a helping hand to those seeking assistance and guidance. The ministry strives to make a positive impact on the lives of those it serves.*

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.

The next Endowment meeting is on April 24. Please submit any requests by Monday, April 21.

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.



This week

Sunday, Apr 6— Pastor Scott Marsh

Communion

Handbell Sunday

10:00 am Service

11:00 am Coffee hour

11:30 am Handbell rehearsal

Monday, Apr 7

10:30 am Staff meeting

2:00 pm Lenten Study

6:00 pm Fellowship Hall reserved

6:30 pm All God's Children

Tuesday, April 8

9:00 am Pastor's office hours

Wednesday, April 9—Bulletin Deadline

6:00 pm Choir Practice

6:45 pm Cantata Practice

Thursday, April 10

7:00 am Rotary

10:00 am Nora's Knitters

4:00 pm M&M Diner

4:00 pm Grief Group

Friday, April 11—Offices are closed

Saturday, April 12

10:00 am Worship Team Meeting

Sunday, April 13— Pastor Scott Marsh

Cantata / Palm Sunday

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

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

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

Pam
Kathryn Adamonis
Kellie Arnett
Chris Boger
Carl Chatfield Jr.
Joyce DePue (grandmother of Brandi K)
Mary Everline
Judah Fronczak
Terry Fuller
Deb & Johnny Green
Sue Heiliger
David & Carol Hindenach
Barb Johnson
Jan Johnson
Linda
Betty Little
Nancy Mahle
Cathy Marbaugh (Sister of Kelly M)
Mike Morrissey
Cindy Paul
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 Louie (Shenefield) Gilbert*

**Family of Richard Temples*

**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)***

*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.*
