

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Coldwater United Methodist Church

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



15th Sunday after Pentecost

Centering Thought

*"The Torah is a locus of divine revelation and divine self-revelation. The word torah comes from the verb y-r-h, "to throw" or "to shoot". With regard to torah, y-r-h also means **"to throw" rain or instructions from the heavens...**in a mystical sense, Torah can be seen as an embodiment of divine Wisdom and for some the Word of God." - Wilda Gafney Womanist Midrash*

PASTOR SCOTT MARSH

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

Michele Broughman ~ *Administrative Assistant*

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Tony Garn ~ *Multimedia coordinator*

Bianca Hubbard ~ *Nursery Care*

SERVICES

9:00 Traditional Service

9:15 Children's Sunday school (*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 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>

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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.

- *Prelude*
- *Welcome*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ **
- *Call to Worship*

Leader: From the beginning, God entered into covenant with the human family: Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Ruth and Jeremiah.

People: **Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the Covenant and makes us ministers of Christ's righteousness.**

Leader: All Christian ministry is Christ's work of outreaching love. It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

People: **All Christians are called to Christ's servanthood in the world, to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.**

Leader: The Church, as the community of the new covenant, participates in Christ's ministry of grace.

People: **It stretches out to human needs wherever service may convey God's love and ours.**

Leader: In our ministry of servanthood this is the ultimate concern:

All: That all may be renewed in the image of their Creator, and that all Christians are called to minister in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen

- *Opening Hymn** *UMH # 399* "Take My Life and Let It Be"
- *Scripture* Genesis 3:1-7
- *Scripture Reading Response* *UMH # 71* "Glory Be to the Father"
- *Children's Moment*
- *Sermon* *Jarell Wilson* "What Did God Really Say?"
- *Responsive Hymn* *UMH # 467* "Trust and Obey"
- *Offering/Tithes*
- *Doxology* *UMH # 94* "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *Lord's Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn ** *UMH # 593* "Here I Am, Lord"
- *Announcements*
- *Benediction **
- *Benediction Response ** *TFWS # 2280* "The Lord Bless and Keep You"
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude*

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Announcements

Knits Wits will begin meeting in September. They need baby blankets and people who are willing to knit or crochet. Contact Nora Meredith for more information.

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**SAVE THE DATE** - Wednesday, September 20th at 6pm. **EVENT** - Music Appreciation Dinner  
**LOCATION** - Coldwater UMC Fellowship Hall **DESCRIPTION** - Back by popular demand, we will be having our annual Music Appreciation Dinner. The meal will be provided by our fantastic UM Men. This is our "official" start for the Chancel Choir, Cantata Choir, Praise Team and Handbells! All past, present, and potential new participants are very welcome. Please come if you have an interest in participating in any or all of these groups - no audition required! There will be a sign-up sheet for this event (on the board outside of Friend's Room) so our wonderful gentlemen can plan the dinner. Sign up soon - and bring a friend!

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Choir Rehearsals begin September 13th at 6:00 pm. For more information, see Cindy Garn.

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**EVERYONE IS INVITED!** United women of faith (formerly UMW) are hosting a **brunch Saturday September 23 at 10 am.** Following the meal our **guest speaker will be Vladislav Sheshenia.** Vlad escaped, with his wife and children, from the Ukraine. It's a powerful story of faith and hope. Please join us! **Signup outside of Friend's Place. (This is church wide not just women).**

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Sunday, September 24th will be a One Service Sunday (10AM). Not only is it the start of our **stewardship campaign,** but we also have a phenomenal group of artists - **Bel Canto** - returning to sing for us and participate in our worship. Please make note of the date, as Bel Canto is a wonderful and marvelous group, and we appreciate them sharing their gift of music with us. **Following our one 10 am service, we will have a luncheon. Please sign up of Friend's Place.**

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**Are you interested in becoming a member of the UMC?** Do you have questions about UMC Doctrine or want to know more about your church? Join Pastor Scott this Fall for three membership classes discussing UMC History, Doctrine/Sacrament, and UMC Polity. Contact Pastor Scott or the Church office for more information. Sign up outside of Friend's Place.

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Like to cook? We are in need of 2-3 people who'd like to make up a Rotary breakfast team. Per church guidelines, one must be a church member. Each team serves one Thursday monthly. Coldwater Township Sunrise Rotary meets at our church every Thursday morning at 7:00. If interested, talk to Tom or me, we are members of the kitchen crew as well as Rotarians. We'd be happy to answer your questions and help get you started. Blessings, Sharon Shenefield

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**Communion for our shut ins...**If you know of anyone that is not receiving communion in their home due to the inability to make it to church services, please contact the office to add them.

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Family Photo Worship Visual- On Sept 24th we are requesting everyone bring a family photo into church to be displayed on the altar. Our goal is to fill our church with faces from your families Letting their bright smiles shine like stars. (Preferably with a stand up frame.)

Announcements

Manna and Mercy Adult Bible Study – Thursdays 4-5pm Beginning 09.07.23

"In all that he taught and in all he did, Jesus proclaimed the reign of God as a place of Abundant Manna and Abundant Mercy."- Rev. Daniel Erlander. Sourced in the Lutheran Tradition, Rev. Daniel Erlander formed the Manna And Mercy Bible Study to point people to an overall view of Scripture that focuses participants on a life of abundance and invitation. Covering "high points" from Genesis to Revelation Manna and Mercy promotes Biblical literacy and discussion. Following the lead of our Martha and Mary Diner ministry this year long course will be held Thursdays from 4-5pm in the Library so we can break bread and study scripture together. Grab a plate, Bring your Bible and let the feast begin. Contact Pastor Scott (pastorscottmarsh@gmail.com) for more information and sign up in the Church Narthex. Weekly attendance is encouraged but not required, come as you can, invite as you feel led.

***Currently we are planning the Annual Mission Auction** with a delicious Bake Potato Bar after second service October 1st. If you would like to donate an item to be live auctioned or put on our silent table, please let one of the team members or the office know. We welcome everyone to this fun event. Check out the auction list on table near elevator. Your Mission Team; Sheila Walrack, Terry Dobson, Sherry Dart, Ann Boltz, Bente Howe, Linda Luce*

***Pastor Scott will lead a Worship Service at Drew's Place** the first Tuesday of each month at 2 pm. If anyone from the congregation would like to join, please contact Pastor Scott.*

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

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

***Come join us on a trip of a lifetime to the HOLY LAND.** November 13-22, 2023. \$1000 available for three CUMC constituents. Call Nancy Davis for more information 517-897-4591*

Trunk or Treat Candy collection**—We are anticipating a large turnout for the Trunk or Treat and need your help in **collecting candy**. Please put donated bags of Candy in the shopping cart in the Narthex and **consider dressing up and giving out candy in the church parking lot** on Oct 28th from 5-6:30 directly before the parade. **If you would be willing to help in some way, please sign up outside of Friend's Place.

***Stewardship**—"No one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, 'The old is better.'" -Luke 5:37-39 As our annual stewardship campaign draws near (Sept 24 launch) we consider which is new, unripe, and emerging and that which is old, ready for harvest, and complete. What new things excite you? Where is God moving to create something new and what has been ripened on the vine? Caring for all of this is the focus of our stewardship this year. Join us in supporting the new and celebrating the old.*

Worship Assistants

	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep
	Guest		ONE SERVICE -bel canto and stewardship kickoff
Liturgist 9:00 am	Kendra Shook	Tony Garn	Beth Karney
Liturgist 10:30 am	Kendra Shook	Tony Garn	Beth Karney
Combined Service 10 am			
Usher 1 - 9:00 am	Volunteer	Charlie Putnam	Jim McDaniels
Usher 2 - 9:00 am			Gail Widener
Usher 1 - 10:30 am	Volunteer		
Usher 2 - 10:30 am			
Teller 1	Sheila Walrack	Dot Young	Julie Nelson
Teller 2	Julie Nelson	Barbara Worden	Sheila Walrack
Teller 3	Jill Avery	Sherry Dart	Judy Elliott
Coffee Set up 1	Tom Shenefield		Eva Rice
Coffee Set up 2	Sharon Shenefield		Cindy Stevens & Bonnie Ewing
Fellowship Clean Up 1	Tom Shenefield	Rick Furney	Eva Rice
Fellowship Clean Up 2	Sharon Shenefield	Pat Furney	Cindy Stevens & Bonnie Ewing
Pulpit 9:00 am	Jarell Wilson	Lana Hunter	Scott Marsh
Pulpit 10:30 am	Jarell Wilson	Lana Hunter	Scott Marsh

Giving & Attendance

Sep 3	\$4,094.00	(\$5,000.00 Needed weekly for our Operating Budget) { \$260,000/52 weeks }
Sep 3	9:00 am	53
	10:00 am	TBD
	Online	128

Flowers

You may purchase altar flowers by signing up outside of Friend's Place

~ Flowers are \$25, please label your check note field and envelope "Altar flowers"

Mary & Martha Diner

14-Sep	Goulash
21-Sep	Sloppy Joes
28-Sep	Beef & Noodles

Calendar

Sunday, September 10—Jarell Wilson

9:00 am Classic Service

9:15 am Children's Sunday school

Blood Pressure Checks

10:30 am Casual Service

Monday, September 11

6:30 pm All God's Children

Tuesday, September 12

Wednesday, September 13—Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, September 14

7:00 am Rotary

4:00 pm M&M Diner

Friday, September 15—Offices are closed

6:00 pm Widow / Widowers Dinner

Saturday, September 16

Sunday, September 17—Lana Hunter

9:00 am Classic Service

9:15 am Children's Sunday school

10:30 am Contemporary Service

Calendar beyond this week

Sept 20 Music Appreciation Dinner 6 pm

Sept 23 UWF Brunch w/special speaker 10 am

Sept 24 **ONE SERVICE at 10 am**

Stewardship Sunday, Bel Canto
Singers, and Luncheon to follow.

Pastor Scott is on vacation from Sept 8-18

Prayer List

Mel Boltz

Chris Boger

Emily Culver

Mike & Nancy Davis

Judah Fronczak

Deb & Johnny Green

Sam Greenberg

Tom Greenberg

David & Carol Hindenach

Jen Hunter

Jan Johnson

Joe and Family

Chuck Lillis

Cathy Marbaugh

Betty Meulhaus

Cindy Paul

Co-worker of Kathy Rockey

Barb Smith

Jeff Streets

Martha Watson

Ashley Wilcox

Norma Yates

*Family of Becky Torrey (Bianca's
grandmother)

*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

2023 Special Giving Sundays

Oct 1 World Communion Sunday

Nov 26 UM Student Sunday