

**Sunday, December 29, 2024**

**Coldwater United Methodist Church**



## **The First Sunday after Christmas**

### *Centering Thought*

*"Jesus' proclamation and ministry are completely under the sign of the gospel. He preaches the gospel of the kingdom to the poor and calls into the liberty of the coming kingdom. The focal point of his message is that God is drawing near and will set the people free...It begins with the broken, the blind, the lame, the lepers, the deaf and the dead. Those who have endured acts of violence and injustice without being able to defend themselves."*

*- Jürgen Moltmann The Church in the Power of the Spirit p79*

# 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

**26 Marshall Street**

**Coldwater, MI 49036**

**Phone (517) 279-8402**

**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*

*“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”*  
*Music: Phillipp Nicolai (1599); harm by J.S. Bach (1731)*  
*Source: United Methodist Hymnal*
- *Welcome*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ\**
- *Call to Worship (From Bread for the Journey)*

*Leader: Let us sing praise to the God of all creation.*

***People: Let us sing praise to the Spirit who gives life to all.***

*Leader: Let us sing praise to Jesus Christ, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,*

***People: That everything and everyone in all creation might be reunited with God through Christ.***

***ALL: We sing with the faithful of all ages, tongues and races!***
- *Opening Hymns\**

*UMH # 139*                      *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (vs. 1,2,5)*

*UMH # 246*                      *“Joy to the World” (vs. 1,3,4)*
- *Scripture* *Psalm 148, Luke 2:15-21*
- *Scripture Reading Response*    *W&S # 3009*                      *“Praise God From this Holy Ground” (vs 2)*
- *Children’s Moment*
- *Message*                      *Pastor Scott Marsh*                      *“The Days After the Divine”*
- *Responsive Hymn*                      *UMH # 251*                      *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*
- *Offering/Tithes*
- *Doxology*                      *UMH # 94*                      *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”*
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *Joys and Concerns*
- *The Lord’s Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn\**                      *W&S # 3052*                      *“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” (vs. 1,2,5)*
- *Announcements*
- *Benediction \**
- *Benediction Response \**                      *UMH # 246*                      *“Joy to the World” (vs. 2)*
- *Carrying out the Light \**
- *Postlude*

*“On This Day, Earth Shall Ring”*  
*Music: Melody from Piaa Cantiones (1582)*  
*Arr. By Gustav Holst (1925)*  
*Source: United Methodist Hymnal*

\*Stand as able

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## Announcements

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**TODAY, Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

- **Welcome on this final Sunday of 2024. May your New Year bring many blessings.**

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### **CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

<b>Monday, December 30</b>	OPEN 9am-3pm
<b>Tuesday, December 31</b>	CLOSED
<b>Wednesday, January 1</b>	CLOSED
<b>Thursday, January 2</b>	CLOSED

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**On August 29, 1821**, members of the Chippewa, Ottawa, and Potawatomi signed a treaty with the United States of America, ceding 4 million acres of land in southwestern Michigan to the United States, including the land now known as Coldwater, MI. On June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1832 the Methodist Episcopal Church was established in Coldwater with 5 pioneering members, the first church in the newly formed city. This church met in Rev. Allan Tibbits log cabin until 1836-1838 when the first Methodist Episcopal Church was built in Coldwater. During this time, from 1838-1840 the Potawatomi Indians of Branch Co (and SW MI) were forcibly relocated from their ancestral lands to reservations in Iowa, Kansas, and Oklahoma. This forced march was known as the "Trail of Death", a 660-mile forced march at gun point that killed at least 42 people, including 28 children. They died mostly from starvation and exhaustion. **In the month of January 2025**, our church will consider the harm done to our Potawatomi siblings through a worship series and study centered on the 1st Biblical exile from Jerusalem experienced by the Jewish people as seen in Jeremiah, 2nd Kings and Daniel and how it relates to the forced march known as the "Trail of Death". **Class times are Mondays, Jan. 6,13,20,27 from 2 pm - 2:45 pm.**

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### **YOUNG MICHIGAN DANCES SUB SALE-2025**

**WHAT:** SUPER BOWL SUB SALE  
**WHEN:** Begin taking orders JAN. 19. Orders due Sunday, FEB. 2  
Pick up orders on FEB. 9 between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the church  
**WHO:** YOUNG MICHIGAN DANCES  
**WHERE:** COLDWATER UMC  
**CONTACT:** Diane Godfrey

Young Michigan Dances, Coldwater's own dance company, bringing the finest in dance to young people since 1972, announces its annual SUPER BOWL SUB SALE!

Ordering will take place from Sunday, Jan. 19 through Feb. 2. Subs are \$10 and include a choice of ham, turkey or veggie sandwich with cheese, veggies, chips, and condiments. For dessert, choices of fruit or homemade cookies are available. Order forms will be in the back of the church. Please use a separate form for each sandwich ordered. Include payment with the order form. Cash or checks are accepted. Your faithful support of Young Michigan Dances is greatly appreciated! The Arts are Awesome and so are you all!

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## Announcements

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***Chili Cook-off in January. More information to come!***

***Church committee meetings start back up in January!!***

***If you need information on Lay Servant classes, please contact the office.***

***More membership classes...coming soon.***

***Pastor Scott will be helping out with the Winter Blast at the Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat! See Pastor for more information.***

**2025**

**Jan. 10-11:**  
Elementary,  
Grades 1-5 at  
Wesley Woods

**Feb. 14-15:**  
Middle & High  
School, Grades 6-12  
at Wesley Woods

**Feb. 7-8:**  
Grades 3-12 at  
Flat Rock United  
Methodist Church



The graphic features the text "winter blast: recharge" in a stylized, glowing white font with a blue outline, set against a light blue background with white stars. Below the text is a black silhouette of a group of people with their arms raised in celebration. In the bottom right corner is the "GRACE OUTSIDE" logo, which includes a small illustration of a sun, trees, and water.

**Register at [GraceOutside.org/Winter-Blast](https://GraceOutside.org/Winter-Blast)**

## ***Worship Assistants***

	5-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan
	Communion			
Liturgist 10:00 am	Carol Tinervia	Chuck Lillis	Diane Godfrey	Karen Eyster
Usher 1 - 10:00 am		Tom Shenefield	Rick Furnery	
Usher 2 - 10:00 am		Sharon Shenefield	Pat Furnery	
Teller 1				
Teller 2				
Teller 3				
Coffee Set up 1	Cheryl Robison	Sharon Shenefield	Pat Furney	Cindy Stevens & Bonnie Ewing
Coffee Set up 2	Dottie Young	Tom Shenefield	Rick Furney	Eva Rice
Fellowship Clean Up 1	Linda Luce	Sharon Shenefield	Pat Furney	Cindy Stevens & Bonnie Ewing
Fellowship Clean Up 2		Tom Shenefield	Rick Furney	Eva Rice
Pulpit 10:00 am	Pastor Scott Marsh	Pastor Scott Marsh	Pastor Scott Marsh	Pastor Scott Marsh

## ***Giving & Attendance***

**Dec 22**    \$4,079.15    (\$5,077.00 Needed weekly for our Operating Budget)  
    { \$264,000/52 weeks }

<b>Dec 22</b>	10:00 am	112
	Online	10

**Ushers needed for attendance counts!!  
Contact office for more information or  
fill in on Sunday!!**

## Flowers

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~ Provided by Kay Thomas

If you would like to order altar flowers, please sign up outside of Friend's Place. Flowers are \$25, please note on your check or envelope "altar flowers"

## Mary & Martha Diner – Every Thursday 4 pm – 5:30 pm

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**2-Jan** Turkey Tetrzzini  
**9-Jan** Chicken & Biscuits  
**16-Jan** Goulash  
**23-Jan** Beef & Noodles  
**30-Jan** Chicken & Noodles

### This week

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#### **Sunday, Dec 29—Pastor Scott Marsh**

10:00 am Service  
10:15 am Sunday school

#### **Monday, Dec 30**

10:30 am Staff meeting

#### **Tuesday, Dec 31**

~ Church Offices Closed

#### **Wednesday, Jan 1—Happy New Year!**

~ Church Offices Closed

#### **Thursday, Jan 2**

~ Church Offices Closed

7:00 am Rotary  
4:00 pm M&M Diner

#### **Friday, Jan 3—Offices are closed**

#### **Saturday, Jan 4**

10:00 am Worship Team Meeting

#### **Sunday, Jan 5—Pastor Scott Marsh**

Communion

10:00 am Service  
10:15 am Sunday school  
11:00 am Coffee hour

**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.

**Cantata rehearsals** are on Wednesday s from 6:45 pm – 7:30 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 (first Sun at 1p) and Drews place (first Tues at 2p) assisted living communities. 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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**Jan 20** Church Offices Closed  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## **2025 Special Giving Sundays**

**Jan 19**    *Human Relations Day*  
**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 Ewing ~ *Nursery Care*

### **CHURCH SERVICE TIME**

(Childcare available      9:00 am – 11:30 am)

10:00 am                  Worship

11:00 am                  Coffee hour

***Notice about giving envelopes for 2025—In order to reduce costs and eliminate waste, we have decided not to order the boxed sets of weekly envelopes for 2025, since most people do not use them. We have ordered envelopes without numbers or dates instead and will provide everyone with a set of those for 2025. Finance Team***

## **Prayer List**

Annette (sister of Gail Widener)  
Pam  
Kathryn Adamonis  
Kellie Arnett  
Chris Boger  
Carl Chatfield Jr.  
Emily Culver  
Joyce DePue (grandmother of Brandi K)  
Judy Elliott  
Mary Everline  
Judah Fronczak  
Terry Fuller  
Deb & Johnny Green  
Sue Heiliger  
David & Carol Hindenach  
Barb Johnson  
Jan Johnson  
Chuck Lillis  
Marilyn Lovell (Carol's sister)  
Cathy Marbaugh (Sister of Kelly M)  
Mike Morrissey  
Cindy Paul  
Richard  
Ruth Ann Pelmear  
Ruthie Richards  
Charles Shelhart  
John Snively  
Jaiden Stierle  
Ashley Wilcox  
Norma Yates

*\*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)***