

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Coldwater United
Methodist Church**



"Bodies in the Universe, in all their differences, share some characteristics that suggest a focus, an area of concern, for those who would live within the construct of the Body of God. At one level our model- the universe as God's Body - move us in the direction of contemplating the glory and grandeur of divine creation, an aesthetic awe at unending galactic wonders, while at another level it moves us in the direction of compassionate identification with and service to the fragile, suffering, and oppressed bodies surrounding us. The model embraces both the guts and the glory, both the mud and the mystery..." -Sallie McFague (The Body of God)

PASTOR SCOTT MARSH

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

Michele Broughman ~ *Administrative Assistant*

Cindy Garn ~ *Music Ministry*

Tony Garn ~ *Multimedia coordinator*

Rasha Nasser ~ *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 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*
- *Gathering Song* *“A Community in Christ”*
- *Welcome & Announcements*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ **
- *Threshold Moment*
- *Calls to worship (Based on Psalm 51:6-14)*
 - Leader: You desire truth in the inward being therefore teach us wisdom that we may learn in our secret heart.*
 - People: Purge us with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.***
 - Leader: Create on us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within your Church. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from your congregation.*
 - People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. O God of my salvation my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.***
 - ALL: Let us worship.***
- *Opening Hymn** *UMH # 121* *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*
(to the tune “Jesus Calls Us”)
- *Scripture* *Psalm 51:1-5, 15-19; John 9:1-12, 35-41*
- *Scripture Reading Response* *UMH # 71* *“Glory Be to the Father”*
- *Children’s Moment*
- *Message* *Pastor Scott Marsh* *“Break My Heart for What Breaks Yours”*
- *Responsive Hymn* *UMH # 417* *“O For a Heart to Praise My God”*
(to the tune “Amazing Grace”)
- *Offering/Tithes* *Chancel Choir* *“God So Loved the World/When I Survey”*
- *Doxology* *UMH # 94* *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *Lord’s Prayers*
- *Closing Hymn ** *UMH # 502* *“Thy Holy Wings, O Savior”*
(to the tune “Help Us Accept Each Other”)
- *Benediction **
- *Benediction Response ** *W&S # 3117* *“Rule of Life”*
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude*

**Stand as able*

10:30 am – Casual Service

- *Gathering Song* "A Community in Christ"
- *Welcome & Announcements*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ **
- *Threshold Moment*
- *Opening Hymns ** W&S # 3002 "Blessed Be Your Name"
W&S # 3112 "Breathe"
- *Scripture* Psalm 51:1-5, 15-19; John 9:1-12, 35-41
- *Scripture Reading Response* W&S # 3009 "Praise God for This Holy Ground" (Vs. 2)
- *Children's Moment*
- *Message* Pastor Scott Marsh "Break My Heart for What Breaks Yours"
- *Responsive Hymn* TFWS # 2152 "Change My Heart, O God"
- *Offering/Tithes*
- *Doxology* TFWS # 2036 "Give Thanks"
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *The Lord's Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn ** W&S # 3104 "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
- *Benediction*
- *Benediction Response ** TFWS # 2280 "The Lord Bless and Keep You"
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude*

**Stand as able*

Announcements

Bible Study— “Getting Involved with God” by Ellen F. Davis

* **Led by Diane Godfrey** on Sundays from 11:30-12:30 pm Mar. 19 and 26.

* **Led by Kathy Rockey** on Mondays from 6:00-7:00 pm Mar. 20 and 27.

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**TODAY we say goodbye to Rasha**, our nursery care worker. We want to thank Rasha for caring for the children of UMC and wish her well with all that she goes on to do.

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Backpack Buddies—We will be collecting hairbrushes, combs, hair ties, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner, body wash or hand soap, socks boys and girls, wash clothes, deodorant, gloves, mittens, hats and scarves, dental floss. Grocery lists are available on the information table. Items will be collected through today. We still need plastic bags.

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**Attention new chair persons and new committee member representatives** for Finance and Administrative Council committees; on March 21, Finance will meet at 6 pm and Administrative Council will meet at 7 pm.

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Paul & Nora Meredith invite everyone to celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, March 26 in the Fellowship Hall between 1st & 2nd services. **Please do not bring cards or gifts.** The best gift possible is sharing cookies, coffee, and genuine quality time with church family.

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**Palm Sunday, April 2—One service at 10 am.** Easter Cantata presents Lloyd Larsen’s “Worthy is the Lamb” with a potluck to follow the service. Ham, mashed potatoes & gravy provided. Those with last names A-M bring a salad; N-Z bring a dessert.

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Women United in Faith will host a Lenten Luncheon on April 5, 2023, at 12:00 noon followed by a program by Pastor Dave Morton. **Everyone** is invited and there will be a signup sheet on the event board outside Friend’s Place. Hope to see you there.

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**The Easter Offering will go to Jacob’s Well** to help those in the community that are in need.

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Beginnings Care for Life Center Baby Bottle campaign will take place May 14-June 18. This is an annual fundraiser and supports a wonderful cause. Bottles are provided to collect your change, cash, & checks in for donation.

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**It’s time to order Easter flowers.** Please see the insert for more information.

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Nursery care workers needed. Please contact the office for more information. See job description posted on bulletin board.

Announcements

Join us throughout Lent as we consider the Habits of our Heart. Our 7 week worship series "Heart Habits- Growing Our Relationship with God" will focus on Hebrew Scripture that tells the tale of God's heart for us, and our heart for God. As the accompanying book study Getting involved with God states "...it is evident that the Old testament is urging us toward certain habits of heart and mind that "work: in our relationship with God." Join us as we discover these habits together. -

Pastor Scott

Heart Habits worship series topics (Invite a friend!)

"Break my Heart for What Breaks Yours" Psalm 51- March 19th

"Heart and Soul, Discovery at the Bottom" Isaiah 49- March 26th

"Listening to the Heart" Isaiah 50- Palm Sunday April 2nd

"God's Overflowing Heart" John 20- Easter Sunday April 9th

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.

CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse from 6:30 to 7:10 pm; **CANTATA CHOIR** rehearses 7:15 to 8 pm.

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.

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

Faith & Food - A Bible Study for those in their 20's, 30's & 40's— The group is now meeting the second and fourth Sundays monthly from 12:00-1:15 pm. We need approved childcare workers for these days. Please contact the office to volunteer.

Tommy's House current grocery list is available on the information table outside of Friend's Place. Please take one.

Registration for 2023 Summer Church Camp has begun. Brochures are on the information table outside of Friend's Place. Coldwater UMC provides camp scholarships to pay for camp. See more details in the March newsletter. Contact Ruth Proctor or Michele if questions.

UMCOR is on the scene in Turkey helping the earthquake victims. They need contributions to carry on their work. Envelopes are in the pews for donations if you would like to donate.

To my UMC Family, A very heartfelt thank you for all the cards and notes of support. This ordeal of mine has been uplifted with your thoughts and prayers. I am in remission now but continue with treatment. With gratitude and blessings to all! Bente Howe

Calendar

Sunday, March 19—Pastor Scott Marsh

9:00 am Classic Service

9:15 am Children's Church

Blood Pressure Checks

10:30 am Casual Service

11:30 am Bible Study with Diane Godfrey

Monday, March 20

12:30 pm Prayer Group

5:30 pm Care & Outreach Meeting

6:00 pm Bible Study with Kathy Rockey

Tuesday, March 21

9am-12pm Pastor Scott's office-walk-in hours

6:00 pm Finance Meeting

7:00 pm Admin Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 22—Bulletin Deadline

8:30 am Pastor Scott @ State Capitol

UMC Advocacy Day

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:15 pm Cantata Rehearsal

Thursday, March 23

7:00 am Rotary

4:00 pm M&M Diner

5:30 pm SPRC Meeting

Friday, March 24—Offices are closed

5:30 pm Kids Safe Space

Saturday, March 25

Sunday, March 26—Pastor Scott Marsh

9:00 am Classic Service

9:15 am Children's Church

10:30 am Casual Service

11:30 am Bible Study with Diane Godfrey

12:00 pm Faith & Food

Calendar beyond this week

April 2 Palm Sunday/Cantata/

One service 10 am + potluck

April 6 Maundy Thursday meal+service

April 7 Good Friday Ecumenical 12:30p

April 9 Easter Sunrise Service 7:30 am

Breakfast 8:00 am

Classic service 9 am

Casual 10:30 am

Prayer List

Annette

Jack Ferguson

David & Carol Hindenach

Bente Howe

Rich & Jan Johnson

Cathy Marbaugh

Cindy Paul

Co-worker of Kathy Rockey

Tyler S.

Beau Siler

Jeff Streets

Sue Wassenberg

Ashley Wilcox

* Family of Carolyn Yoder

*Those with illnesses

*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 Sundays

Mar 19 UMCOR Sunday

Apr 23 Native American Sunday

May 14 Golden Cross Sunday

Jun 4 Peace with Justice Sunday

Aug 20 Christian Education Sunday

Sep 10 Rural Life Sunday

Oct 1 World Communion Sunday

Oct 15 Disability Awareness Sunday

Nov 26 UM Student Sunday