



September 2022 - Newsletter

Coldwater United Methodist Church

Pastor's Ponderings *Pastor Scott Marsh*

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:1-5

"We've been cut by another 30%" This was troubling news to hear, but somewhat expected. On more than one occasion funding from the Michigan UMC conference offices had been cut and we had to figure out a way forward. Local churches just didn't seem to fully understand what ministry shares did, and as they would struggle to meet their individual church budget it was a soft spot to take dollars from. While I didn't know it then, a part of my calling was forming, testify to what ministry shares do and have done, because they nurtured me. I probably wouldn't be your pastor without ministry shares.

That conversation happened just under 10 years ago. I was involved with the Welsey Foundation at WMU and the head pastor Rev. Lisa Batten spoke to myself and the rest of the leadership of the college ministry informing us of what the budget cuts would look like for us. As local churches ceased paying their ministry shares it made our work as a campus ministry harder to do. We were growing, we were vibrant, yet because we were a ministry of poor college kids that would never be able to afford a full time pastor on our own we had to count on conference ministry shares to meet our budget.

Ministry shares are at times confusing. For one the name has changed over the years from apportionments to ministry shares. This payment to the conference seems a lot like paying money to big brother, and when your church is struggling a budget item without a face and with no voice seems like a good a place as any to cut from. But ministry shares cover a wide range of programs and serve a WIDE range of faces. I'll use my newsletter article to highlight, as best I can what your ministry share dollars fund.

1. Approximately 75% of all ministry shares we send to the conference stays in Michigan, the other 25% goes to what is known as General Church Apportionments. This small 25% amount covers a number of international missions/causes: World Service Fund, Africa University Fund, Black College Fund, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, Episcopal Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, and General Administration Fund. You can find detailed information on all of these funds [here](#).

2. That big 75% chunk of ministry share money is divided into 3 categories: Conference Benevolences(39%), Clergy Support(21%), and Administration (15%). More info on that [here](#) .

3. a. Conference Benevolences funds things like the Board of Young People's ministry (BYPM, which I serve as Vice chair of.) BYPM helps fund start up ministries specifically for young people, we fund the freedom school program , Ministry Incubators , Encounter MI call interns and so much more.

b. Conference Benevolences help fund our 8 campus ministries across the state. providing funding to pay for campus pastors, and programming. No campus ministry is funded 100% by ministry shares alone, many pursue giving from individual congregations, grants and other funding streams to support their ministries. They are diversified and creative, like the students who attend. Within my time involved with the just the WMU campus ministry 8 young people pursued a calling into ministry. Thats 8 young pastors, deacons, and church leaders. We need young leaders in our church don't we?

c. Conference Benevolences help fund our camps . Salaries for our District Superintendents, our Bishop, and conference staff. Resources pour out of these groups. One need only spend an afternoon looking at all the various resources you ministry shares provide to our Clergy and Church leaders.

Paying our ministry shares is a point of pride, its doing our part, and its support for those who have need. I am happy to have been apart of Church's that have always paid their ministry shares. Clearly their impact is great, stretching across the globe, yet we consistently find the fruit of this ministry if only we look. :)

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****The Church doors** are scheduled to be open 15 minutes before the start of each service and 15 minutes after the start of each service for safety reasons. Please plan accordingly.

Service Times & Church Office Hours

Service Times

9:00 am Classic service

10:30 am Casual service

*No children's Sunday school until Sept.

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

"Special" One-Service Sundays

September 25 Service with our Neighbors
& Stewardship Kick-Off

December 11 Christmas Cantata/
Christmas Music Special

"Mark Your Calendars"

- ✓ Sept 25 Potluck following service
- ✓ Sept 25 Service projects following potluck
- ✓ Dec 11 Charge Conference

Giving Sundays

October 2 – World Communion Sunday

- Together, we enable national and international graduate students to change the world.

November 27 – United Methodist Student Day

- Together, we educate students so they can make a difference in the world.

Nurse's Notes

At this writing I am nursing an outbreak of poison ivy. I guess that's what I get for not preparing for an impromptu weeding of a flower bed. Sure enough, 48 hours after I did this task, I acquired a rash in various areas of my body. Not a pleasant experience.

You can get poison ivy, poison sumac or poison oak in the same way. Contact to the poisonous plant or a pet who has been in a poisonous plant area can cause you to break out in a rash from the plant's oil, called urushiol. The rash may spread to other areas

of your body if you start scratching and you still have the dreaded oil on your hands. If your pet has been in an area of the poisonous plant wash him/her immediately while wearing rubber gloves. Pets usually don't get poison ivy, but they carry the urushiol oil on their coat. Consequently, when we pet them, we get infected. Blisters will develop in 1-14 days after your exposure to poison ivy and can last up to 14 days. It is recommended to avoid popping the blisters, but if they pop on their own the clear fluid will not spread the ivy but could cause an infection. Try not to scratch these open areas.

If exposed to the poisonous culprits, apply rubbing alcohol to your exposed body parts, gardening tools, or any other items, you were using. Scrub under your fingernails. Wash your hands with dishwashing soap in cool water. Wash your clothes after being outdoors. When gardening, try to wear long sleeves, pants, and gloves.

Over the counter medications such as anti-itch creams such as calamine lotion and hydrocortisone creams, antihistamines, oatmeal baths and cold compresses can help soothe the itching. If you become short of breath after inhaling the oil from a fire of the poisonous plants, emitting the oil, see your health care provider immediately. In my case my physician has ordered prednisone for 10 days per my request.

You may think the rash is spreading but it is not. The area in which you see the rash was exposed initially to the urushiol oil.

The poison ivy rash is not contagious. But you could get the rash if you touched the person that still has urushiol oil on them, clothing that has the oil on it or touch a contaminated garden tool or camping equipment.

The bottom line is "Leaves of three, let it be." Killing the culprit is very difficult because it doesn't neutralize the urushiol oil. It can stay contagious on dead plants for up to five years. With 90% of the population being allergic to these pesky plants we need to be more diligent in learning about these culprits. Believe me it is not fun.

Sources: [insider.com-delive](https://www.insider.com-delive);

www.mayoclinic.org;

[www.fda.gov>consumers](https://www.fda.gov/consumers)

Next blood pressure check, September 18, 2022, Keep Healthy! Lana Hunter, R.N.

Groups

All God's Children meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and find out what we are all about. Please bring a friend.

Faith & Food - A Bible Study for those in their 20's, 30's & 40's—The group is now meeting on the first and third Wednesdays monthly from 6:00-7:15 pm.

Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 12:30 pm

Committee News

Attention CUMC Congregation!

Our congregation participation was vibrant before Covid hit in 2020. We had greeters, ushers, liturgists, and choir members. Then the lights were turned out abruptly by a life-threatening pandemic. I'm sure we'll never get back to our former self as a congregation, but I truly don't expect it will. We have all changed in different ways from this tragedy. But I think most of us can say, we still have our Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship is the heart of any church. When we come to worship, we pray, sing, read scripture and listen to a meaningful sermon. We are renewed for another week. However, it takes more than our pastor to put a worship service together.

We need a welcoming presence in our entryway to greet our young, old, and visitors before they reach the sanctuary. Then the ushers take over giving the congregants a bulletin and helping them to find a seat. During the service they do the count for the service, collect the offering during the offertory and do the acolyte responsibility with the candles, if needed.

Have you ever thought of who gets the communion sacraments ready for the 1st of the month? We need this task filled too. We need liturgists to lead the service. We need choir members. Everyone loves to hear the choir but if no one makes the commitment there will not be a choir. I can't forget we also need media folks.

If you are constituent or member of the church, think about volunteering your talent for the betterment of worship and your church. It is part of your stewardship vow. Nominations committee will be making their calls soon. Please when they call for your service, please don't give the caller a flat NO. Discern and pray about the request and call the caller back. Thank you. Many of us are old and tired. Young people, we need your energy and ideas to carry on this great ministry of CUMC. Call the church office at 517-279-8402 to volunteer. Thank you. Blessings, The Worship Team



United
Women
in Faith

**Greetings from the new
United Women in Faith.**
*Oh, how challenging it is
to not say, UMW.*

No matter what our official name is, we are women united in our faith and our church.

Upcoming events:

- *September 21st- Monthly Meeting 1:30 pm*
- *September 25th – Stewardship kickoff with potluck*
- *October 19th- Monthly Meeting 1:30 pm*
- *November 4th- Set up for Holiday Bazaar*
- *November 5th- Holiday Bazaar 9:00 am – 3:00 pm*
- *November 16th – Monthly Meeting 1:30 pm*
- *December 21st – Monthly Meeting 1:30 pm.*

Beginning September 17th, we will begin accepting donations



for our UWF tables to sell items at the Holiday Bazaar. Please make sure the items are clean and not damaged. Items will be placed in Sunday school room #204. (Across the hall from our previous collection room) We will have our Secret Santa shop again, for our young shoppers to make secret gift purchases for their parents, grandparents, siblings etc. All gifts are a \$1.00 If you know of a crafty person who is looking for a place to sell their handmade items, we are the place!

Keep watching the bulletins and newsletters for updated information. Once more we will need all of you to help. There's a place for everyone.

Beth Griggs UWF Vice Chair

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Stewardship is not just raising budgets; it's raising Christians.



Stewardship is not a matter of funds; it's a matter of faith!

“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it” (Psalm 24:1). All creation and everything we have is a gift from God and Stewardship is managing God’s gifts to us. Stewardship is not just about money, but also being willing to share our time and talents. Stewardship is a response to God’s goodness to us and our goal in giving is to give God glory.

I want to thank all of you for your continued support of the ministry at Coldwater UMC. Our financial giving has remained fairly steady over the last two years, in spite of the lingering effects of Covid, in-person attendance and the passing of several longtime members. You have also contributed generously to many United Methodist causes and local charitable causes. This is a tribute to all of you who continue to support our church financially and through your many hours of volunteering services.

Like everyone else, we are facing increased costs and are projecting a budget shortfall for 2022. Because of the generosity of members that have passed away, we have been blessed with trust funds that have been used to cover our operating shortfall, when needed. These trust funds are also used to pay for capital projects, send kids to camp, fund VBS, recognize our high school graduates and other special non-budgeted expenses.

On September 25 we will kick off our annual Stewardship Campaign. We invite you to join together in fellowship for a potluck immediately following our one service at 10 AM.

As we look to the future, please prayerfully consider how we, as individuals and as a church, can glorify God in our ministries at Coldwater United Methodist Church. Ruth Proctor, Finance Chair

Announcements and Updates

Financial Secretary Needed @ Coldwater UMC—Coldwater UMC is seeking someone to serve in the leadership role of Financial Secretary. This volunteer position keeps track of individual, family and organization giving to Coldwater United Methodist Church and oversees the Teller Teams. An ideal candidate for this leadership position is organized, can keep confidences and is willing to learn our Shepherd Staff tracking software. If you are interested, please contact the office. Please pray about it if you possess these gifts.

Save the Date

October 15th 3-5pm



Trunk
or Treat



Follow us on Facebook for more information to come @ Branch County Great Start Parent Group

It will be at the Branch ISD parking lot on Bishop Ave.

MARY AND MARTHA help wanted:

Looking for a co-leader for one of our teams. **Hours:** Thursday afternoons once every seven weeks. **Pay:** lots of happy people, gratitude from the M & M team and a free meal. Apply to Tom 517.227.6311; Sharon 517.617.4643

Rehearsals for Chancel Choir will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:45pm to 8pm, beginning on September 14th. If you are interested in joining the choir, please see Cindy Garn.

Accessing Amplify Media

Here is how to access Amplify Media:

- Go to my.amplifymedia.com
- Find the person icon on the far right and click on it.
- You will see a drop-down menu. Click on "Enter Access Code"
- Once you get to that page, input our Congregation Access Code which is YMDBXS and click on "Verify."
- From there, you will input your information and set up your account.

Amplify Media offers a variety of video studies for all ages to grow in faith and understanding of God. Once you have an account, you can access Amplify Media from a computer, smartphone, tablet or smart tv. If you need help setting up your free account, please contact the church office and someone will assist you.

GUNS to GARDEN TOOLS



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Are you tired of gun violence in our world? Witness a vision of a world where swords are beaten into plowshares as the Rev. Corey Simon (UMC Pastor) turns a gun into a garden tool. All are welcome for this outdoor event.

Disruptive Disciples Blacksmithing believes a better world is possible. The focus of this ministry is not to "take guns away" or enact strict gun control laws but rather to invite those gathered to mourn those lost to gun violence and imagine a more peaceful world.

"And they shall beat their swords into plowshares." Is 2:4

As we wrap up the conclusion of our Study in Micah, we welcome Rev. Cory Simon. September 4 @1 pm we will gather in the Coldwater UMC parking lot as Rev. Cory demonstrates a vision of peace as he turns Guns to Garden Tools. Please sign up to attend this event on the sign-up board next to Friend's Place. **All are welcome.**

"Return to our Roots! Join us for worship on September 25th for a single 10 am service and a potluck directly following as we kick off our Stewardship Campaign. The United Women in Faith have graciously offered to provide a main course/meat. So bring your work gloves and a side dish to pass for this church fellowship and work day. After

worship, and our shared potluck, we will work around the church/church grounds on various projects: cleaning rooms, grounds clean up, etc." Sign up outside Friend's Place

Branch County Pride Festival

Sat., September 10, 2022

2:00PM - 8:00PM

Parkhurst Park

Mary & Martha Menu

1-Sep	Hot dogs and Burgers
8-Sep	Goulash
15-Sep	Breakfast for dinner
22-Sep	Pulled Pork Sandwiches
29-Sep	Spaghetti



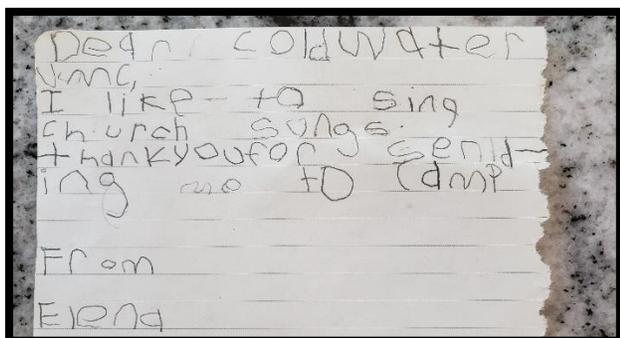
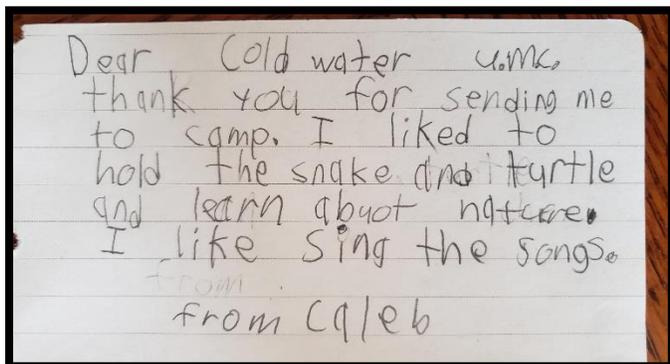
Thank You

A Hugh Thank You for all of the donations that we received for the Backpack Buddies back-to-school collections. It was **amazing**. What a wonderful Church we are !!!!!
Thank You All !! Cindy Stevens

Thank you for letting me go to camp. I loved playing on the playground and making new friends. I really like making crafts.
~~ Delilah

Thank you so much for the opportunity to go to camp with my granddaughter. We both had a GREAT time! ~~ Karen Eyster

Thank you's from summer campers Caleb and Elena Malefyt



Prayer List

Jean Brayton
Phyllis Briggs
Nelda Frederick
Nikki Fullbright
Marge Harris
Rich & Jan Johnson
Cathy Marbaugh
Cindy Paul
Bob Pluister
Ruthie Richards
Tom Shenefield
Dan Washburn
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*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2nd** *Darby Kahler*
6th *Mel Boltz*
Jan Johnson
Mike & Nancy Davis
7th *Cork Tinervia*
Edward & Effie Reed
9th *Richard Johnson*
11th *Sammi (Satow) Welch*
Ann Simmerman
Russell Whitaker
15th *Lois Heinemann*
16th *William Reehl*
18th *Linda Luce*
19th *Bethany Lillis Tisdale*
21st *Jacob Robison*
23rd *Kathy Rockey*
24th *Gene Easterday*
25th *Terry Fuller*
Andrew Karney
26th *Paula Snively*
27th *Pat Furney*
Ashley Walrack
29th *Hannah Jean Garr*
30th *David Karney*

Liturgical Holidays 2022

- September 11** Back to School Sunday
October 16 Laity Sunday
November 6 All Saints Sunday
November 27 First Sunday in Advent
December 18 Blue Christmas
December 24 Christmas Eve

September 2022



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Communion 9:00 am Classic Service 10:30 am Casual Service 1:00 pm Guns into Tools	5 LABOR DAY Church Offices Closed 12:30 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm All God's Childr	6 Worship Team Retreat	7 Bulletin Deadline	8 7:00 am Rotary 4:00 pm M&M Diner 6:30 pm Trustees	9 Church Offices Closed 6:00 pm Kids Safe Space	10 10:00 AM Men's Breakfast
11 Childrens Sun school 9:00 am Classic 9:15 am Children's SS 10:30 am Casual	12 12:30 pm Prayer Group	13 12:00 pm MARSP	14 Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm Faith & Food 6:45p Choir Rehearsal	15 7:00 am Rotary 4:00 pm M&M Diner	16 Church Offices Closed 6:00 pm Kids Safe Space	17 7 am Mediterranean Meal Fundraiser 10 am Worship Team M 9-3 Applefest
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25 Stewardship Sunday 10:00 am One Service Potluck Service Projects	26 12:30 pm Prayer Group	27	28 Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm Faith & Food 6:00 pm Education Mtg 6:45p Choir Rehearsal	29 7:00 am Rotary 4:00 pm M&M Diner	30 Church Offices Closed 6:00 pm Kids Safe Space	1

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Notes

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For the most up to date calendar go online to:

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