

Sunday, March 13, 2022

COLDWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent

Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

Michele Broughman

Administrative Assistant

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

**Please call for an appointment.*

Cindy Garn

Music Ministry

Cheyenne Jonas

Rasha Nassar

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9:00 Traditional Service
9:15 Children's Sunday school
10:30 Casual Service



Mary & Martha Diner

17-Mar	Spaghetti
24-Mar	Pulled Pork Sandwiches
31-Mar	Chicken & Biscuits
7-Apr	Beef and Noodles
14-Apr	Easter Dinner
21-Apr	Breakfast for dinner
28-Apr	Goulash



CENTERING THOUGHT

“Blessed are you who see things clearly, where struggle is everyone’s normal. You walk among the fellowship of the afflicted, a club no one wants to join. And while this life isn’t shy, it does come with superpowers. Superpowers of ever-widening empathy and existential courage that gets you back up after another fall and a deepened awe at the beauty and love that can be found amid life’s rubble. Like flowers that grow from the cracks in the sidewalk. These virtues blossom in you. And thank God for you. Blessed are all of us who struggle, for we are in good company, and we’ll never walk alone.”

~ Kate Bowler, Author of Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection

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 Sermons page:

<https://www.coldwaterum.org/copy-of-sermons>

Coldwater United Methodist Church website bulletins page:

<https://www.coldwaterum.org/newsletters-bulletins>

Coldwater UMC updated calendar

<https://www.coldwaterum.org/calendar>

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* TBD
- *Gathering Song* “A Community in Christ”
- *Welcome & Announcements*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ **
- *Threshold Moment*
 - ~ *Centering Thought*
 - ~ *“Good Enough”*
- *Calls to worship*
 - Leader: Holy One, Our Light and Salvation,*
 - People: We call out to you,***
 - Sometime afraid of the adversaries in life.***
 - Leader: Shelter us in days of trouble, lead us on level paths.*
 - Open us this day to your grace and peace,*
 - People: Transform our frustrations***
 - Into simple and good enough moments that fill our days.***
- *Opening Hymn** UMH # 500 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
(to the tune “Abide With Me”) Vs. 1,3,4
- *Scripture* Luke 13:31-35
- *Children’s Moment*
- *Message* Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore “So Much is Out of Our Control”
- *Responsive Hymn* UMH # 115 “How Like a Gentle Spirit”
(to the tune “Abide With Me”) Vs. 1,2,4,5)
- *Offering/Tithes*
- *Doxology* UMH # 95 “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”
- *Pastoral & Lord’s Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn ** UMH # 474 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
- *Benediction **
- *Benediction Response ** UMH # 898 “Amen”
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude* TBD

*Stand as able

10:30 am – Casual Service

- *Gathering Song* *“A Community in Christ”*
- *Welcome & Announcements*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ **
- *Threshold Moment*
 - ~ *Centering Thought*
 - ~ *“Good Enough”*
- *Opening Hymns** *W&S # 3152* *“Welcome”*
TFWS # 2202 *“Come Away With Me”*
- *Scripture* *Luke 13:31-35*
- *Children’s Moment*
- *Message* *Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore* *“So Much is Out of Our Control”*
- *Responsive Hymn* *TFWS # 2112* *“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”*
- *Offering/Tithes*
- *Doxology* *TFWS # 2036* *“Give Thanks”*
- *Pastoral & Lord’s Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn ** *W&S # 3105* *“In Christ Alone”*
- *Benediction **
- *Benediction Response ** *TFWS # 2280* *“The Lord Bless and Keep You”*
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude* *“Sanctus”*
Music: Mark A. Miller
Source: The Faith We Sing

**Stand as able*

Announcements

Faith & Food - A Bible Study for those in their 20's, 30's & 40's— The group is now meeting the first and third Wednesdays monthly from 6:00-7:15 pm. The next gathering is Wednesday, March 23rd.

FAITH & FOOD

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**Rev. Julie leads Daily Devotions via Facebook Live.** To participate, simply go to the church's Facebook page, "Coldwater United Methodist Church," and you will find a devotional video Monday through Saturday at 6:45 am. Rev. Julie is leading from *Disciplines: A Book of Daily Devotions 2022* published by Upper Room Book of Nashville, TN.

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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.

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**UMW NEWS**— The United Methodist Women are planning on hosting their annual Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, April 13th at 12:00. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Chancel Choir rehearsals have resumed and will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 pm to 8 pm in the sanctuary. Masks are required. I do have singer's masks available for those who would like one. There's always room for more people! If you are interested, please let me know - thank you! Cindy Garn, Music Ministry

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**MISSION NEWS**—The Mission Committee is planning for their annual Potato Bar and Auction to be held on Sunday, May 1st. We are looking for donations for the live and silent auction as well as baked goods. If you can donate, please let give that information to Sherry Dart.



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Coffee/Tea/Chai with the Pastor – Mondays in March—Come connect with Rev. Julie for light conversation at the Jeannie's Diner on Mondays in March between 10:30 am & noon. All welcome!

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**Needed: A Few Good Jokes**—The Worship Team is looking for a few good Bible, faith and religious jokes to include in is year's Holy Humor Sunday services the week after Easter. Please submit the jokes you find or create to Michele in the church office by April Fools' Day (April 1)



## Announcements

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**Registration for 2022 Summer Church Camp Has Begun!** It may be snowing outside, but it's already time to think about church camp for this summer. Coldwater UMC is very blessed to have a trust fund gifted to us from the Faulkner Estate that will pay for 100% of church camp fees for children and adults who attend our church. Camping isn't just for school age children. There are adult camps, family camps and camps for young children with an adult. The Endowment Committee would love to send everyone to camp who wishes to attend.

Check out the following websites for camp information and how to sign up:

- Michigan Conference Camps: <https://umcamping.org> = Wesley Woods, Lake Michigan Camp & Retreat Center, and Lake Huron Retreat Center. Includes camping programs for elementary, middle school, high school, adults, and families
- Lake Louise Christian Community: <https://lakelouisecommunity.org> – includes Teddy Bear Camp (beginning at age 4) and camps for elementary, middle school and high school ages

Here is what to do:

1. Register for camp and pay the camp deposit, which will be reimbursed to you later.
2. Fill out a Camp Scholarship Application form and return it to church by Monday, April 18. The forms will be in the Endowment mailbox or contact Michele for a form.
3. The Endowment Committee meets later that week to vote on funding camp scholarships.
4. Coldwater UMC will pay the balance of your camp fees directly to the camp.
5. Enjoy camp this summer!
6. Coldwater UMC will reimburse you for your camp deposit after you return.

With a week of camp costing about \$400, this is a wonderful opportunity for our youth.

Please contact, Ruth Proctor, Endowment Chair: (517) 741-3817 [ruth@accountingtaxpros.com](mailto:ruth@accountingtaxpros.com) or Pastor Julie: (517) 279-8402 (church) [jyelmore@gmail.com](mailto:jyelmore@gmail.com)

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**Backpack Buddies donations are now being collected in the basket is near the elevator.**

The following items are being collected until March 15<sup>th</sup>:

- Ramen Noodles
- Individual size Canned Soup with pop lids
- Individual size Ravioli with pop lids (may be any pasta meal in a can)
- Individual Oatmeal Packets
- Granola Bars or Pop Tarts
- Individual size Cereal cups
- Individual size Mac-n-Cheese cups
- Individually wrapped snacks (pretzels, raisins, crackers, cheez-its, Jell-O cups, pudding cups, cookies, etc.)



\*\*The program provides the kids fruit, veggies, and cereal. They ask that the donated items are all small and individual sizes as the weight of the backpacks becomes quite heavy for the kids to carry.

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## Announcements

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**Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection by Kate Bowler & Jessica Richie**—This year's Lenten Study is *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection* by Kate Bowler & Jessica Richie



Here is a bit about the study from the Cokesbury website:

Written gently and with humor, Good Enough is a permission slip for all those who need to hear that there are some things you can fix. And some things you can't. And it's okay that life isn't always better. In these gorgeously written reflections, Kate Bowler offers fresh imagination for how truth, beauty, and meaning can be discovered amidst the rubble and chaos of life. Her words celebrate kindness, honesty, and interdependence in a culture that rewards ruthless individualism and blind optimism. And ultimately, in these pages we can rest easy in the encouragement to strive for what is possible today - while recognizing that though we are finite, the life in front of us can still be beautiful.

*There will be several sessions of this study offered as follows:*

- *Daytime In-Person ~ Rev. Julie Elmore*
  - *Wednesdays 1:30 to 3:00 pm until April 13.*
- *Evening via Zoom ~ Rev. Julie Elmore*
  - *Thursdays 6:45 to 8:15 pm until April 21. We will skip April 14 for Maundy Thursday.*
  - *Faith & Food*
    - *Wednesdays, March 23, April 20, May 4 & 18, June 1 from 6:00 to 7:15 pm.*
- *Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am ~ Chuck Lillis ~ until April 10*

**Books for this study are \$16.00 each and can be ordered now by contacting Michele in the office at 279-8402 or [coldwaterum@gmail.com](mailto:coldwaterum@gmail.com)**

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**Help Support the Humanitarian Response in Ukraine**—The General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church is deeply troubled by the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the ominous implications it has for escalating tensions between Russia and Western nations. We pray for the peace and security of United Methodists in Ukraine and Russia and for all of their neighbors, and that tranquility will prevail over their lives and countries.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief arm of Global Ministries, is in communication with partners in the region and actively exploring the coordination of humanitarian response in Ukraine.

If you would like to support the humanitarian response in the Ukraine, please write a check to "Coldwater UMC" and write in the memo line "Humanitarian Response Ukraine."

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## Announcements

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**COVID-19 Current Protocols**—The Omicron Variant of COVID-19 continues to affect our community, state and country right now. In consultation with the CUMC COVID-19 Task Force, below is what is currently happening.

- Both the 9:00 am (Classic) and 10:30 am (Casual) worship services have resumed and are offered both in-person and online. Masks are optional.
- Communion and Remembrance of Baptism Bags are available for pick up next to the elevator.
- Sunday School has resumed.
- Fellowship Time has resumed between services.
- Office hours continue to remain Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Meeting virtually is left up to each committee and group to decide.
- The Mary & Martha Diner is open to provide meals for those who depend on these meals for nourishment.

Thank you to all who have been flexible to during this Season of COVID. May we continue to lean into God's strength, patience, and peace as we navigate these times together as a community in Christ serving all God's children.

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## Worship Assistants

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|                       | 13-Mar        | 20-Mar            | 27-Mar                       |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Liturgist 9:00 am     | Ruth Proctor  | Karen Eyster      |                              |
| Liturgist 10:30 am    | Tony Garn     | Carol Tinervia    | Chuck Lillis                 |
| Usher 1 - 9:00 am     | Gail Widener  | Sherry Dart       | Sherry Dart                  |
| Usher 2 - 9:00 am     | Jim McDaniels |                   |                              |
| Usher 1 - 10:30 am    |               |                   |                              |
| Usher 2 - 10:30 am    |               |                   |                              |
| Coffee Set up 1       | Rick Furney   | Tom Shenefield    | Eva Rice                     |
| Coffee Set up 2       | Pat Furney    | Sharon Shenefield | Cindy Stevens & Bonnie Ewing |
| Fellowship Clean Up 1 | Rick Furney   | Tom Shenefield    | Eva Rice                     |
| Fellowship Clean Up 2 | Pat Furney    | Sharon Shenefield | Cindy Stevens & Bonnie Ewing |

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## This Week at CUMC

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**Sunday, March 13—Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore**

9:00 am [Lenten Study w/Chuck Lillis](#)

9:00 am [Classic Service In-person & virtual](#)

9:15 am [Children's Sunday School](#)

10:30 am [Casual Service In-person & virtual](#)

**Monday, March 14**

6:45 am [Online devotions on CUMC Facebook Page](#)

10:30 am [Coffee with the Pastor at Jeannie's](#)

11:00 am [Young MI Dances Board Mtg.](#)

12:30 pm [Prayer Group via Zoom](#)

**Tuesday, March 15**

6:45 am [Online devotions on CUMC Facebook Page](#)

**Wednesday, March 16—Bulletin Deadline**

6:45 am [Online devotions on CUMC Facebook Page](#)

1:30 pm [Lenten Study w/Rev. Julie](#)

6:45 pm [Choir Rehearsal](#)

**Thursday, March 17**

7:00 am [Rotary](#)

4:00 pm [M&M Diner](#)

6:45 pm [Lenten Study via Zoom](#)

**Friday, March 18—Offices are closed**

6:45 am [Online devotions on CUMC Facebook Page](#)

**Saturday, March 19**

6:45 am [Online devotions on CUMC Facebook Page](#)

10:00 am [Worship Team Meeting](#)

**Sunday, March 20—Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore**

9:00 am [Lenten Study w/Chuck Lillis](#)

9:00 am [Classic Service In-person & virtual](#)

9:15 am [Children's Sunday school](#)

[Blood Pressure Checks](#)

10:30 am [Casual Service In-person & virtual](#)

## Worship Series

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**Third Sunday in Lent ~ March 20**

Scriptures: Luke 13:1-9

Message Title: "Lots of Things Can Be Medicine"

**Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ March 27**

Scriptures: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Message Title: "We Often Believe We are the Problem"

**Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ April 3**

Scriptures: John 12:1-8

Message Title: "We Are Fragile"

Special: Communion

**Sixth Sunday in Lent ~ April 10 ~ One Service**

Scriptures: TBA

Message Title: TBA

Special: Chancel Choir will sing a variety of songs from past Easter Cantatas.

## Flowers

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To purchase altar flowers, please sign up outside of Friend's Place. The cost is \$25

## Attendance

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|--------------|-----------|----|
| <b>Mar 6</b> | In-person | 70 |
|              | Virtual   | 95 |

## Special Sundays

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- ✓ **April 10**     *Easter Music Special*
- ✓ **April 24**     *Service with Our Neighbors*
- ✓ **July 24**      *Worship in the Park*

## Looking ahead...

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- April 10**      *Palm Sunday*
- April 14**      *Maundy Thursday*
- April 15**      *Good Friday*
- April 17**      *Easter Sunday*

## Regular Offerings

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**Mar 6**      **\$6,006.00**

*(\$4,800.00 Needed for weekly for our Operating Budget)*

***Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. (Malachi 3:10)***

***At this time, you may mail your contribution to the church or contact financial institution to do bill pay.***

## Giving Sundays

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- UMCOR Sunday—March 27, 2022***
- Native American Ministries—May 1, 2022***
- Peace With Justice—June 12, 2022***
- World Communion—October 2, 2022***
- United Methodist Student Day—Nov 27, 2022***

## Prayer List

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Annette  
Dick Aker  
Dinah Bauman  
Ann Boltz  
Lee & Jean Brayton  
Kenneth & Phyllis Briggs  
Ann Carlisle  
Tom Clark  
Irene Frambes  
Nikki Fullbright  
Cheyanne Jonas  
Rich Johnson  
Lisa H.  
Kim K.  
Henrietta Kerkstra  
Cathy Marbaugh  
Jim Miller  
Cindy Paul  
Jenna Purdy  
Ann Smoker  
Ruthie Richards  
Ashley Wilcox  
\*Family of Mary Lou Mahood  
\*Those diagnosed with COVID-19  
\*Our leaders, our nation, our world  
\*People of Israel and Palestine  
\*People of Afghanistan  
\*People of Haiti  
\*People at the Texas/Mexico Border  
\*People of Ukraine  
\*Schools—students, teachers, school secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians, administrators, volunteers, bus drivers, social workers, lunch personnel, school counselors, and school board