



# July 2022 - Newsletter

## Coldwater United Methodist Church

Pastor Scott Marsh

### **Pastor's Ponderings** **Pastor Scott Marsh**

*As you will learn in our time together, I greatly admire the writing and works of Walter Brueggemann. He has retired from speaking recently but often would speak to current issues with a prophetic lens. One concept that Brueggemann championed before retirement, is the idea of "totalism" ( If you have a spare hour and want to listen to his words from his mouth check him out [here](#) ).*

*"Totalism" is a concept originally presented by Robert Lifton, which Brueggemann defines as a monopoly of technology and imagination so that nothing is thinkable, sayable, or doable outside of its rigors. The totalism punishes those who speak against it and works towards blind obedience to its goal. Because I'm a new father I'll simply refer you to [The Lorax](#) by Dr. Seuss for an easy to understandable proof of concept. Totalism seeks to cut down all the Truffula trees, The Lorax served as the one objector to it and is punished for it.*

*"Totalism thrives on scarcity but the gospel attests to the abundance of God. Totalism thrives on greed but the Gospel text commands generosity. Totalism falls into endless anxiety about not having enough but the gospel is a narrative of ready assurance that we have enough." - Walter Bruggemann*

*I believe our God is a God of abundance, and that we are commanded to proclaim this to the world. Consider what you think Heaven to be; enough for all, no pain, reunion with love ones, joy and assurance. Maybe you have more to add to the list but the concept is one we can all uphold as ideal. Heaven will be perfect and God is the central figure in making that happen, we believe that through God's Son, the Messiah, we are given a way to this ideal place. Now consider that really the only thing different between the heaven we wait for, and our current reality is our willingness to step outside of our current systems and fully embrace God's system. Step outside of the death dealing Totalism and embrace the kin-dom we are called to build here. God's with us here right? We have been given a blueprint through Christ, we have all gathered together because we believe that through God this is possible.*

*I am looking forward to building the kingdom of God with you. To work off of the previous work you have already done as Coldwater UMC and to make heaven here on earth. But I think before we do, we must take a look at the totalism we've been drawn into. The ways in which we participate in the systems and structures we were born into. Dismantling these*

*systems of oppression and the injustice that yoke us and our siblings in Christ to toil for that which leads to death must be torn down before we can truly build the kingdom of God. I believe Jesus will do this, but I am also very aware that Christ calls us to this work and instructed us how.*

*I'm hopeful we can do this work together, that we can speak against the Totalism, tear down walls that divide us, and replace them with tables that unite us. May God guide us and may the Spirit ready us all for this work both on ourselves and in this world.*

*Peace be with you Coldwater UMC,*

*Pastor Scott Marsh*

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*<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRGbDaBqke3ctmHq1ctf37w>*

**\*\*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**

**July 24** *Worship in the Park*  
**September 25** *Service with our Neighbors  
& Stewardship Kick-Off*  
**December 11** *Christmas Cantata/  
Christmas Music Special*

### **"Mark Your Calendars"**

*July 17 Vacation Bible School  
July 22 Widow/Widowers Dinner*

## 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.

## Worship Series

### To Be Announced

## Nurse's Notes

*At this writing, it is the first day of summer. Even though we have had hot weather already, it appears we are going to have an extremely hot summer through the season. Unfortunately, many of us don't drink enough water when it is hot and fall into the condition called dehydration.*

*It is recommended that we drink six to eight glasses of water a day. As we work, play, and just enjoy the sunshine outdoors in this season, the elevated temperatures and our hydration is even more important. Why is hydration so important?*

*Keeping your body hydrated is the most important task we can do for ourselves. This means all of us. It doesn't matter if we are young, old, active, and healthy or old and infirm. Drinking water is so critical that in a few days without it, we die. Water allows our body cells to operate normally. It helps to digest our food and all our organs to*

*work properly. In other words, a healthy level of hydration helps to avoid metabolic, digestive, and neurologic dysfunction. Signs of dehydration (the lack of sufficient water in your body) are fatigue, loss of appetite, flushed skin, heat intolerance, light headedness, dark colored urine, and a dry cough. To eliminate this, drink water before you get thirsty. If you wait until you are thirsty, you are already dehydrated. If you are planning a moderate activity, such as walking for an hour or less, water is fine. But if you are going to exercise for longer than that and/are going to be out in the sun, you may want to hydrate with a sports drink that not only gives you fluid but potassium and sodium which you lose with perspiration. Too little of these electrolytes can cause muscle cramping. Remember, your heart is a muscle.*

*The Mayo Clinic does not recommend alcoholic or caffeinated for optimal hydration. So, keep hydrated with at least six to eight glasses a day and more if exercising.*

*Sources: <http://www.livestrong.com>;  
<http://myclevelandclinic.org>*

*Next blood pressure check, July 17,2022  
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. **DURING the month of July, we will be meeting on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

**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.

### Committee News

Check back next month...

### Announcements and Updates

**I want to thank all of you** for the many cards, phone calls, and hugs when my husband Kenneth passed away. My church family all mean so much to me. A person doesn't know what it means to receive so many condolences until it happens to you. It will make you sit down and send someone a card. Please do! They will be happy to get it. In Christian Love, Phyllis Briggs.

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

**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

**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.

**We will be collecting school supplies thru the month of August.** Backpacks, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, paper, glue sticks, erasers, sharpeners, etc. You may also include individual healthy snacks to be added to backpacks. Thank you, Backpack Buddies, (Cindy Stevens)



#### Accessing Amplify Media

Here is how to access Amplify Media:

- Go to [my.amplifymedia.com](http://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.

**Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers for our daughter, Ann Smoker. She is doing better. Ron and Kay Bercaw**

**There will be a free Christian music concert this Sunday, July 3 @ 6:30 PM in Union City. Grammy nominated Christian recording artist, Mark Bishop, will be performing at 6:30 PM in downtown Union City at the Rick Mears Amphitheater, directly behind the library. This is a free concert open to the public – bring your blanket or lawn chair. The concert is prior to Union City's fireworks sponsored by the Rotary Club. If you wish, stay for the fireworks at the high school at dusk on Sunday evening.**

**You're invited....**

**Save the Date—Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, July 17 through Thursday, July 21. This year's theme is "Food Truck Party!" This will be a collaboration between Coldwater and Girard UMC.**



To sign up go to <https://coldwater-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/> or scan the code below.

**Vacation Bible School: Save the Date!**

July 17 – 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:30pm – 8:00pm  
Dinner included with registration  
Ages 0 - 17

- Songs
- Crafts
- Stories
- Games
- Science
- Volunteer (youth 13-17)

“Give us this day our daily bread.” Matthew 6:11

**Volunteers Needed**

July 17 – 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:30pm – 8:00pm

Contact Amanda Malefyt (269-744-7954) or Alyssa Miller (614-570-1816) if can lead a group or activity. We need help in the following areas:

- **Nursery:** Play with & help small children (0-2) with music and crafts
- **Guides:** Lead a group of children around to various activities
- **Activity Leaders:** Recreation, Craft, Science, Bible Story
- **Youth Assistants (ages 13-17):** Help lead an activity
- **Food Prep:** Prepare a meal for one evening. (Menu ideas provided)

*Terrill Stewart and Gerald Fuller*  
REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE  
AT THEIR MARRIAGE

July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 2:00pm

Coldwater Methodist Church  
26 Marshall St.  
Coldwater, MI 49036

*Reception to Follow*  
RSVP  
Text to 260-316-2952  
or  
E-mail to [tonya\\_alleshouse@hotmail.com](mailto:tonya_alleshouse@hotmail.com)

Gift us only with the honor of your presence.

RSVP BY JULY 11



## Mary & Martha Menu

7-Jul	Pork BBQ
14-Jul	Beef & Noodles
21-Jul	Goulash
28-Jul	Breakfast for dinner
7-Jul	Pork BBQ



## Prayer List

Annette  
Jean Brayton  
Kenneth & Phyllis Briggs  
Barbara Burkhart  
Ann Carlisle  
Tom Clark  
Danny Davis  
Mike Davis  
Nelda Frederick  
Nikki Fullbright  
Rich & Jan Johnson  
Lisa H.  
Kim K.  
Henrietta Kerkstra  
Cathy Marbaugh  
Cindy Paul  
Jenna Purdy  
Ann Smoker  
Ashley Wilcox



*\*Those diagnosed with COVID-19*  
*\*Our leaders, our nation, our world*  
*\*People of Israel and Palestine*  
*\*People of Afghanistan*  
*\*People of Ukraine*  
*\*Schools—students, teachers, school secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians, administrators, volunteers, bus drivers, social workers, lunch personnel, school counselors, and school board members*

## 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

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**4<sup>th</sup>** Pat & Lana Hunter  
**9<sup>th</sup>** Ralph & Sue Greenamyre  
Kathy Hunt  
Rev. Julie Elmore  
**10<sup>th</sup>** Rick & Pat Furney  
**12<sup>th</sup>** Patricia Green  
Bob & Kathy Miner  
**13<sup>th</sup>** Sue Greenamyre  
**15<sup>th</sup>** Kaitlyn Skinner  
**16<sup>th</sup>** John Brian Parshall  
**18<sup>th</sup>** Cindy Wuori  
**19<sup>th</sup>** John & Grace Parshall  
**21<sup>st</sup>** Matthew Furney  
Don Unger  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** Pat Hunter  
**25<sup>th</sup>** Kay Bercaw  
Joan McKinnon Rohloff  
**28<sup>th</sup>** Payton Vorce  
**29<sup>th</sup>** Bob Baranouski  
**30<sup>th</sup>** Kim Satow

## Calendar

### 1 Friday—*Offices are closed*

6:00 pm Kids Safe Space

### 2 Saturday

### 3 Sunday—Chuck Lillis

Communion-Pastor Scott Marsh

9:00 am Classic Service

\*\*Meet and greet between services

10:30 am Casual Service

### 4 Monday—*Offices are closed for holiday*

### 5 Tuesday

6:30 pm All God's Children

### 6 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

### 7 Thursday

7:00 am Rotary

4:00 pm M & M Diner

6:30 pm SPRC Meeting

### 8 Friday—*Offices are closed*

10:00 am Knit Wits

6:00 pm Kids Safe Space

### 9 Saturday

### 10 Sunday—Pastor Scott Marsh

9:00 am Classic service

10:30 am Casual service

### 11 Monday

12:30 pm Prayer Group

### 12 Tuesday

### 13 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

6:00 pm Faith & Food

### 14 Thursday

7:00 am Rotary

10:00 am Worship Team Mtg-park

4:00 pm M&M Diner

6:30 pm Trustees Meeting

### 15 Friday—*Offices are closed*

10:00 am Knit Wits

6:00 pm Kids Safe Space

### 16 Saturday

### 17 Sunday—Pastor Scott Marsh

9:00 am Classic Service

Blood Pressure Checks

10:30 am Casual Service

5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

### 18 Monday

12:30 pm Prayer Group

6:30 pm Care and Outreach

5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

### 19 Tuesday

5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

### 20 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

### 21 Thursday—Newsletter Deadline

7:00 am Rotary

4:00 pm M & M Diner

5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

### 22 Friday—*Offices are closed*

10:00 am Knit Wits

6:00 pm Widow/Widowers Dinner

6:00 pm Kids Safe Space

### 23 Saturday

1:00 pm Stewart/Fuller Wedding

### 24 Sunday—Worship in the Park

10:00 am Combined Service

### 25 Monday

12:30 pm Prayer Group

### 26 Tuesday

### 27 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

6:00 pm Faith & Food

6:30 pm Education Team Mtg.

### 28 Thursday

7:00 am Rotary

1:00 pm Endowment Meeting

4:00 pm M & M Diner

### 29 Friday—*Offices are closed*

10:00 am Knit Wits

5:00 pm Shakespeare (rain loc.)

6:00 pm Kids Safe Space

### 31 Sunday—Pastor Scott Marsh


9:00 am Classic Service

10:30 am Casual Service

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# July 2022

June '22							August '22								
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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