

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Coldwater United Methodist Church

4th Sunday of Easter



Centering Thought

“In an ancient agricultural context, sheep had connotations not of penned-in, passive, and pretty obedience, but of a roving coexistence in the wilderness...We are not called to be sheepish. No one sheepishly visits prisoners or works for the homeless or challenges the predatory systems that keep some poor that others may have abundance. We are called to ‘flock’ - to congregare, to gather, to conspire in the original sense: to collaborate in the spirit of just love.” - Catherine Keller On the Mystery

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

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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.

Announcements

TODAY, Sunday, May 11th

- Welcome to worship!
- HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

TODAY following service—IT'S A BOY! A Baby "Sprinkle" for the Marsh family—

- As you all may know, Pastor Scott, Meagan, and Leo Marsh are expecting a new baby boy, Auggie, in May. We would like to celebrate this special event with a baby "sprinkle" **immediately following worship on Sunday, May 11, in the Fellowship Hall.** All are welcome to attend! No sign up necessary. Cupcakes, coffee and cold drinks will be served. Gifts are optional. However, if anyone would like to give a gift, the family has made the following suggestions (not in order of importance): Diapers Baby clothes Money for a new car seat Meals that can be put in the freezer and reheated using disposable containers. (no mushrooms please) If you have questions, see LeeAnne Nagle or Diane Godfrey.

Do you have a loved one graduating high school or college?

- We would love to celebrate them on May 18th. Please send the office a digital picture and a short description of the graduate's details and future plans.
- This needs to be submitted by May 12th.

Ladies, you are invited to the 2025 Ladies Luncheon at Quincy UMC on Thursday, May 15th at 12 noon.

- Special presentation by Theresa Wood from Tommy's House.
- Kindly RSVP by Mon, May 5th 517-639-5035 or email umcquincy@gmail.com

Pastor Scott will be on parental leave beginning on May 18th after service and will have return to church activities on Monday July 14th

Celebration of Life ~ Open House for Mary Fisher from 1 pm-4 pm on May 22, 2025 at the Coldwater Lake Association Bldg. Everyone is invited.

Grief Support Group will meet on Thursdays- May 8, 15, 22, 29 Time: 4:00-5:00 p.m. Where: Coldwater UMC Library "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4 ~ Please sign up on the event board outside of Friend's Place.

Announcements

Summer Camp and VBS Information

- **It's time to register for 2025 Summer Camp!** Coldwater UMC provides camp scholarships to pay for camp. Camp brochures are on the table outside of Friend's Place. Applications for camp scholarships are in the Endowment box. Contact Ruth Proctor or Michele if you have any questions.
- **VBS is coming SOON!** We are happy to announce that we are collaborating with Bayshore Camp and they will be doing their 'On The Road Day Camp' again. The camp will run June 16-19 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm and is for children K-5th grades. This camp is free to all participants. We need a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 50 participants. Contact the office for instructions on how to sign up. Closer to the event, we will post sign up sheets for food donations, helpers, and for those that will open their homes for showers. Helpers will need to have the Child Protection completed as well as background checks. Again, please see Michele in the office.

We are once again participating in the annual Baby Bottle Campaign for Beginnings Care for Life. The bottles and sign up sheet are located in the Narthex. This drive runs from Mother's Day through Father's Day. Beginnings Care provides very needed services and education to new parents in our community.

Please pick up a bottle from the basket by the elevator and record the number. Use the bottle for your donation and return the bottle to the office. Thank you for helping with this local mission.

Pastor Scott will be taking family leave for 8 weeks from Sunday, May 25 through July 13 for the birth of their new baby. He will return to the office on Monday, July 14 and to the pulpit on July 20. During that time pulpit supply will be covered by Coldwater UMC lay speakers and special guest clergy including Rev. David Meredith on June 8 and 22, and Rev. Dean Prentiss, our District Superintendent, on July 6. Check the schedule below for a more detailed list of dates.

May 25 Elizabeth Jowski, WILC Director
June 1 Kathy Rockey, Coldwater UMC lay speaker
June 8 Rev. David Meredith
June 15 Kyle Hoeft
June 22 Rev. David Meredith
June 29 Chuck Lillis, Coldwater UMC lay speaker
July 6 Rev. Dean Prentiss
July 13 Tony Garn, Coldwater UMC lay speaker

This week

Sunday, May 11— Pastor Scott Marsh

Happy Mother's Day!

- 10:00 am Service
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday school
- 11:00 am Coffee hour
- 11:00 am Baby Sprinkle for the Marsh's

Monday, May 12

- 10:30 am Staff meeting-out of office
- 6:30 pm Trustee meeting

Tuesday, May 13

- 9:00 am Pastor's office hours

Wednesday, May 14—Bulletin Deadline

- 6:00 pm Choir Practice-last for season

Thursday, May 15

- 7:00 am Rotary
- 10:00 am Nora's Knitters
- 4:00 pm M&M Diner
- 4:00 pm Grief Group

Friday, May 16—Offices are closed

Saturday, May 17

Sunday, May 18— Pastor Scott Marsh

Graduation Sunday

- 10:00 am Service
- 11:00 am Coffee hour
- Blood Pressure Checks
- 11:30 am Handbell rehearsal
- 2:30 pm Pastor at the Laurels

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.

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 assisted living (first Sun at 1 pm)
- Drews place (first Tues at 2pm)
- Laurels (third Sun at 2:30 pm)

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

May 26 Church offices closed for Memorial Day

May 19 - July 13th Pastor Scott will be out of the office on Paternity Leave

Jun 16-19 Vacation Bible School

July 20 Worship in the Park (Riverbend)

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 Hoyt ~ Nursery Care

CHURCH SERVICE TIME

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

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Coffee hour

Prayer List

Pam (suffering from ALS-Friend of Sherry D)
Kathryn Adamonis
Kellie Arnett
Carl Chatfield Jr.
Patrick Cole
Megan Dart (Endocrine failures-niece of Sherry D)
Joyce DePue (grandmother of Brandi K)
Mary Everline
Judah Fronczak
Terry Fuller
Deb & Johnny Green
Sue Heiliger
David & Carol Hindenach
Jan Johnson
Linda
Betty Little
Nancy Mahle
Cathy Marbaugh (Sister of Kelly M)
Mike Morrissey
Cindy Paul
Ruth Ann Pelmear
Jordyn Reed (5-year-old)
Ruthie Richards
Cheryl Robison
Charles Shelhart
John Snively
Stephanie ^(1/6)
Jaiden Stierle
Ashley Wilcox
Norma Yates

**Prayers for the family of Connie Karney*
**Prayers for the family of Ward Goff (Tom & Sharon Shenefield brother-in-law)*
** Prayers for the family of Chris Boger*
**Our leaders, our nation, our world, the leaders within our church, committee meetings, and groups that gather*

2025 Special Giving Sundays

Jun 15 *Peace with Justice Sunday*
Jul 27 *Native American Ministries Sunday*
Oct 5 *World Communion Sunday*

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)

Please submit your Prayer requests 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.*
