



May 2022 - Newsletter

Coldwater United Methodist Church

Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

Pastor's Ponderings

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Focus Scripture

Scripture Reference: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

As Diane Godfrey quoted from the Book of Ecclesiastes in our Holy Humor Sunday service, there is a time for everything - "a time for laughing" and "a time to dancing." Additionally, Ecclesiastes 3:1 says that "there is a season for everything and a time for everything under heaven." It seems that now is a season for transition at Coldwater UMC.

*You have all heard by now that Bishop David A. Bard intends to appoint me to Chapel Hill UMC in Battle Creek beginning July 1. This is a bittersweet time for all of us. It is bittersweet for me and my family because we have made such wonderful friends at Coldwater UMC and in the surrounding community and will miss seeing each one of you on a regular basis. While we grieve this, we also look forward to new opportunities in ministry ahead. David will continue serving as Pastor of the Bronson and Colon United Methodist Churches. My serving at Coldwater UMC following the sudden retirement of Rev. Edrye Mauer and through the first two years of the COVID-19 Pandemic has certainly been a time of stretching and growing. I have found joy in seeing the number of children grow in our congregation as well. I will carry these lessons and joys into my next appointment and will be forever grateful for the ways we have grown and celebrated together. God has so much more in store for you as a congregation and I cannot wait to hear about it in the years ahead! As I love to say, "God is always up to something." Recently Diane has added "good" on the end of this sentiment - "God is always up to something **good!**"*

As I write these words, my successor at Coldwater UMC has not yet been announced. The announcement is coming soon. The Staff Parish Relations Committee and the Trustees are already leading the effort to welcome your new Pastor. I have had the privilege of welcoming your next Pastor into my home recently and found joy in visiting together. I have every confidence that God through Bishop Bard and his cabinet are sending you a great pastoral leader. You will be in good hands and best of all, God will be with you. If I was a layperson, I would be excited to have this person as my Pastor. I know that you will continue to stretch and grow in your faith together as you continue to live out being a community in Christ serving all God's children.

Over the years, I have learned that transitions require a lot of grace. May you find yourselves in a relationship of mutuality, offering grace to one another as you launch into the next chapter of your life as a congregation.

In Christian Love, Rev. Julie

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Service Times & Church Office Hours

Service Times

9:00 am Classic service
9:15 am Children's Sunday school
10:30 am Casual service

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"

UMW Sunday, May 15th, both services.
Beth Griggs will be the speaker. We're looking for the women of the church to volunteer to be ushers, acolyte, liturgist, choir, fellowship set up and cleanup. Please let Beth Griggs know what task that you would prefer to do to help. If you fail to volunteer.... You'll be "voluntold" what task you are assigned to. 😊

Giving Sundays

May 1 – Native American Ministries Sunday

- Together, we empower local spiritual development and educate Native American Seminary Students to serve God faithfully.

June 12 – Peace with Justice Sunday

- Together, we spread the Gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the United States, and globally.

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



Upcoming Worship Series 2022 ~ #BeUMC

Through the #BeUMC Worship Series we focus on and celebrate what it means to be the United Methodist Church! United Methodists are people who seek to do no harm, do good, attend to the ordinances of God and consider the world as our parish.

Worship Series Details:

May 1 ~ 9:00 am & 10:30 am Services

Scripture: Proverbs 3:29-30

Message Title: "The People of God Who Do No Harm"

Emphases: Resilient, Diverse, Justice-Seeking

Special: Communion & Native American Ministries Sunday

May 8 ~ 9:00 am & 10:30 am Services

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21

Message Title: "The People of God Who Do Good"

Emphases: Missional, Committed, Connected, Generous

May 15 ~ 9:00 am & 10:30 am Services

Scripture: TBA

Message Title: TBA

Special: United Methodist Women Sunday

May 22 ~ 9:00 am & 10:30 am Services

Scripture: Matthew 19:13-15

Message Title: "Let Them Come"

Special: Children's Sunday

May 29 ~ 9:00 am & 10:30 am Services

Scripture: 1 John 5:1-4

Message Title: "The People of God Who Attend to the Ordinances of God"

Emphases: Faithful, Spirit-Filled, Deeply Rooted

June 5 ~ 9:00 am & 10:30 am Services

Scripture: Isaiah 2:2-4

Message Title: "The People of God for Whom the World is our Parish"

Emphases: Jesus-Seeking, Disciple-Making, World-Changing

Special: Communion

June 12 ~ One Service @ 10:00 am ~

Rev. Julie's Last Sunday

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a

Message Title: "Forever Faithful"

Special: Communion & Peace with Justice Sunday

June 19 ~ 9:00 am & 10:30 am Services

Special: Presentation from Kim Hemker on Child Advocacy Center

June 26 ~ 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Special: Kathy Rockey Preaching

**Rev. Julie's
Last Sunday
June 12
One service**

Nurse's Notes

Recently I fell off from my front steps and broke my left foot in 4 places. What a shock! Not only painful but an immediate slowdown in my normal routine.

Many have felt in similar ways after a fall or injury. You find out quickly your autonomy has been violated. Accepting help is now your default setting. Let family and friends help. I know giving up control is challenging but it does not mean your incapable. Accepting help shows strength. So, say yes, even though it is hard. I know it was difficult for me, but we are vulnerable.

As we get older, we all have a fear of falling but don't let that halt a healthy lifestyle. Please continue to get together with your friends, continue with your normal activities, such as gardening and music, walk if your able, and go to the local senior center if available.

That's all good but what causes falls? It stems to our physical health. As we get older, our eyesight is less sharp, and our reflexes are not as sharp as they once were. Then there is diabetes, heart disease, problems with your thyroid, nerves in the feet or blood vessel problems. Then of course our medications can cause dizziness, sleepiness.

Scientists have linked falling with muscle weakness, problems with balance and gait, blood pressure dropping too low when standing after lying down or sitting (postural hypotension). They also say that wearing unsafe footwear such as backless shoes (flip flops, my downfall) and high

heels. Confusion can also contribute to falls.

Preventing falls include stay physically active, have eyes and hearing tested regularly, find outside effects of all your medications, get enough sleep, limit your alcohol intake, stand up slowly, use an assistive device such as a cane or a walker if you feel unsteady while walking, be careful on wet or icy surfaces, wear low heeled nonskid shoes.

Be vigilant folks in preventing falls. It's not fun being immobile for several weeks and not being able to do the activities you want to do.

Resources: www.nia.nih.gov; www.cdc.gov
Next blood pressure check May 15,2022
Keep healthy!

Lana Hunter, R. N.

Groups

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.

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

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

Mission Auction held May 1, 2022 (11:30 after second service) Set aside the date to come and enjoy a fantastic potato bar luncheon with all the fixings put on by your mission committee and other volunteers. Also, after lunch be prepared to bid on items or buy directly from our silent table and baked good items.

Since 2006 our church has raised over \$64,000 toward missions. Equally we are so blessed to have such a giving congregation donating items for our silent table auction, bake sale, and Live Auction. We have our very own Auctioneer Dan Satow who has delighted us with his wit and talent for many years. Thank-you Dan. We hope to see you there but if you cannot attend give someone the privilege to bid for you.

- ~ Swiss Steak Dinner for 8 given by Cork Tinervia
- ~ 1-night stay at the Potawatomi Inn given by Sherry Dart
- ~ Donation from Trine University given by Amanda Malefyt (Football season passes)
- ~ Handmade Necklace and Earrings given by Bente Howe

- ~ Mermaid Sleep Snuggle Sack given and sewn by Marge Harris
- ~ Kitchen Basket given by Nancy Davis
- ~ Basket given by Care and Outreach Committee
- ~ Beach Bag given by Eva Rice and daughters
- ~ Pontoon Rental from Coldwater Lake Marina given by Kelly Aker
- ~ Fancy Food Basket given by Alan and Linda O'Leary
- ~ Baby Quilts and stuffed animals given and sewn by Shelia Walrack
- ~ Basket of Canned Goods and 1 dozen eggs per month given by Rowlands
- ~ Pasta Bar Dinner for 6 given by Rowlands and Shenefields and Co.
- ~ Pastors Purse
- ~ 2-3 Red Bud trees given by Paul & Nora Meredith

To all camp lovers and everyone that has Children that attend "Summer Camp", we need you to help clean up our Wesley Woods two cabins, Violet and Hickory. Saturday May 7th we will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. for coffee and donuts and then head up to Wesley Woods north of Battle Creek in Dowling, MI.

Please sign up by May 2nd on the list outside Friend's Place. I need a head count for lunch that the camp serves us. We need you for the annual preparations for this year's camping season. We are usually finished by lunch.

Best regards, Tom Shenefield 227-6311



Mission Committee:

This year for Mother's Day and a few weeks beyond we will be collecting baby items for Layette Kits for Midwest Distribution Center. You may elect to give a cash donation (the value of the full kit is \$45) or bring in an item to be sent to the Distribution center.

New Items to be collected:

- ✓ *Receiving blankets (sizes 28"x28" to 32"x32", They specify No thermal or fleece), infant washcloths, onesies or undershirts, gowns, or sleepers- sizes 0-6 mo. (they do not allow items with handprints, paw prints, or footprints please-- solid colors would be best)*
- ✓ *Layette Kits are sent to new mothers. Those who are fortunate enough (countries in Latin America) to receive the layette kits for their babies are extremely grateful.*

The full kit is assembled and packed with 2 receiving blankets, 6 cloth diapers, 2 sleepers, 2 onesies, 2 baby wash cloths 1 sweater and 4 diaper pins. Your donation will help MMDC supply items for the kits and provide fresh new clothes to keep babies warm and snuggly.

Put your cash donation in an envelope and mark it Mother's Day Donation. A bassinet will also be available for new donated items by the elevator.

*Thank you to whom ever planted the white hyacinth bulbs in the Memorial Garden. The spring flowers are beautiful.
Sherry Dart*

Announcements and Updates

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 someone who is organized, can keep confidences and is willing to learn our Shepherd Staff tracking software. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Julie. It would be good to have someone in place before the new Pastor arrives. Please pray about it if you possess these gifts.



Service with Our Neighbors Weekend ~ April 23 & 24

We want to express a special thank you to all who served alongside our neighbors over the weekend of April 23/24. Several from Coldwater UMC went to the Humane Society of Branch County to bathe puppies, walk a dog, play with kittens and puppies, and pick up sticks in the yard. Our volunteer efforts are meant to support the staff receive and care for pets without homes. Several also stayed after worship to make cards of encouragement for teachers at Jefferson School, the Waldron Center, and St. Charles Borromeo School. These cards have been delivered along with some tasty treats. Others donated items for Tommy's House and others still gave money toward the UMCOR's Ukraine Relief Efforts. Our support of our community and world as a congregation helps others to experience the love and care of God through us. May we keep up this vital work in our community.



AMPLIFY MEDIA

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.

Mary & Martha Menu

5-May	Mexican (Cinco de mayo)
12-May	Pulled Pork Sandwiches
19-May	Chicken & Biscuits
26-May	Beef & Noodles



Prayer List

Annette
Dick Aker
Dinah Bauman
Ann Boltz
Lee & Jean Brayton
Kenneth & Phyllis Briggs
Barbara Burkhart
Ann Carlisle
Tom Clark
Danny Davis
Mike Davis
Nelda Frederick
Nikki Fullbright
Anthony J. Garn II (Tony's son)
Cheyanne Jonas
Rich Johnson
Lisa H.
Kim K.
Henrietta Kerkstra
Cathy Marbaugh
Jim Miller
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 Louisiana affected by tornados*
**People of Ukraine*
**Schools—students, teachers, school secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians, administrators, volunteers, bus drivers, social workers, lunch personnel, school counselors, and school board*



Calendar

*6:45 am Mon-Sat Devotional Videos on Facebook

1 Sunday— Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

Communion at both services

9:00 am Classic Service

9:15 am Children's Sunday School

10:30 am Casual Service

Potato Bar and Auction

2 Monday

12:30 pm Prayer Group

6:00 pm Faith & Food

6:30 pm All God's Children

3 Tuesday

4 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

5 Thursday

7:00 am Rotary

4:00 pm M&M Diner

6:30 pm SPRC Meeting

6 Friday—Offices are closed

6:30 pm Kids Safe Space

7 Saturday

Wesley Woods Clean up

8 Sunday—Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

Mother's Day

9:00 am Classic Service

9:15 am Children's Sunday school

10:30 am Casual Service

9 Monday

11:00 am Young MI Dances

12:30 pm Prayer Group

10 Tuesday

Fellowship Hall and Kitchen reserved

11 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

12 Thursday

7:00 am Rotary

4:00 pm M & M Diner

6:30 pm Trustees Meeting

13 Friday—Offices are closed

6:30 pm Kids Safe Space

14 Saturday

15 Sunday—UMW Sunday

9:00 am Classic Service

9:15 am Children's Sunday School

Blood Pressure Checks

10:30 am Casual Service

16 Monday

12:30 pm Prayer Group

6:30 pm Care and Outreach

17 Tuesday

12:00 pm MARSP

18 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

6:00 pm Faith & Food

6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

19 Thursday

7:00 am Rotary

4:00 pm M&M Diner

20 Friday—Offices are closed

10:45 am SERA

6:30 pm Kids Safe Space

21 Saturday

10:00 am Worship Team Mtg

22 Sunday—Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

9:00 am Classic Service

9:15 am Children's Sunday school

10:30 am Casual Service

23 Monday

12:30 pm Prayer Group

24 Tuesday

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25 Wednesday—Bulletin Deadline

6:30 pm Education Team Mtg.

6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

26 Thursday—Newsletter Deadline

7:00 am Rotary

4:00 pm M & M Diner

27 Friday—Offices are closed

6:30 pm Kid's Safe Space

28 Saturday**29 Sunday**

9:00 am Classic Service

9:15 am Children's Sunday School

10:30 am Casual Service

30 Monday—Memorial Day**OFFICES ARE CLOSED****31 Tuesday****Liturgical Holidays 2022****May 22** Children's Service**June 5** Pentecost Sunday**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**

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| 1 | Doug Stechschulte
Larry Waldron |
| 2 | <i>Larry & Connie Waldron</i> |
| 3 | Dean Walrack |
| 4 | Bob Miner |
| 7 | Phyllis Briggs |
| 8 | Linda Goodale
Ken Elliott
Ruth Proctor |
| 9 | Nora Meredith |
| 10 | Linda O'Leary |
| 12 | Michaela Johnson-Gay |
| 13 | Courtney Meredith
Paul Meredith
<i>Curt & Ruth Proctor</i> |
| 15 | Suzanne Haupt Allen
Dan Satow |
| 18 | <i>Ron & Kay Bercaw</i> |
| 19 | Linda Turner |
| 23 | Andrew Robison |
| 24 | Abigail Robison |
| 25 | Lana Jacobs
<i>Travis & Larisa Vorce</i>
<i>Dr. Dale & Bev Williams</i> |
| 29 | Spencer Rodesiler |
| 30 | <i>Don & Ann Vrablic</i> |

May 2022



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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