

Sunday, March 26, 2023

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Coldwater United Methodist Church

"...the moment the Spirit of the Almighty strikes the heart of him that was till then without God in the world, it breaks the hardness of his heart, and creates all things new. The Sun of Righteousness appears, and shines upon his soul, showing him the light of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. He is in a new world. All things round him become new, such as it never before entered into his heart to conceive. He sees, so far as his newly-opened eyes can bear the sight. The opening heavens around him shine, With beams of sacred bliss. He sees that he has "an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;" and that he has "redemption in his blood, the remission of his sins." He sees "a new way that is opened into the holiest by the blood of Jesus;" and his "light shineth more and more unto the perfect day." - John Wesley "On Living Without God" 1790

PASTOR SCOTT MARSH

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

Michele Broughman ~ *Administrative Assistant*

Cindy Garn ~ *Music Ministry*

Tony Garn ~ *Multimedia coordinator*

Rasha Nasser ~ *Nursery Care*

SERVICES

9:00 Traditional Service

9:15 Children's Sunday school (*school year*)

10:30 Casual Service

***Special One Service Sundays are at 10 am**

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 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>

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Monday-Thursday 9 am – 3 pm

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
- Gathering Song "A Community in Christ"
- Welcome & Announcements
- Passing the Peace of Christ *
- Threshold Moment
- Calls to worship (Based on Isaiah 49)
 - Leader: *Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb God spoke My name.*
 - People: *My mouth is like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me. I am a polished arrow concealed in God's quiver.***
 - Leader: *God declared "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." But I Have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing at all, what is due me in the Lord's hand,*
 - People: *Yet even now God, You will deliver me, for those who hope in you will not be Disappointed.***
 - ALL: *Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted Ones.***
- Opening Hymn* UMH # 297 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (Vs. 1,2)
- Scripture Isaiah 49:8-18; John 11:1-7, 20-45
- Scripture Reading Response UMH # 71 "Glory Be to the Father"
- Children's Moment
- Sermon Pastor Scott Marsh "Discovery at the Bottom"
- Responsive Hymn UMH # 295 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (Vs.1,2,4)
- Offering/Tithes Chancel Choir "One Song"
- Doxology UMH # 94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
- Offertory Prayer
- Lord's Prayers
- Closing Hymn * UMH # 707 "Hymn of Promise"
- Benediction *
- Benediction Response * W&S # 3117 "Rule of Life"
- Carrying out the Light *
- Postlude

*Stand as able

10:30 am – Casual Service

- *Gathering Song* *“A Community in Christ”*
- *Welcome & Announcements*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ **
- *Threshold Moment*
- *Opening Hymns ** *TFWS # 2055* *“You Are My Hiding Place”*
- *TFWS # 2154* *“Please Enter My Heart, Hosanna”*
- *Scripture* *Isaiah 49:8-18, John 11:1-7, 20-45*
- *Scripture Reading Response* *W&S # 3009* *“Praise God for This Holy Ground” (Vs. 2)*
- *Children’s Moment*
- *Sermon* *Pastor Scott Marsh* *“Discovery at the Bottom”*
- *Responsive Hymn* *TFWS # 2218* *“You Are Mine”*
- *Offering/Tithes*
- *Doxology* *TFWS # 2036* *“Give Thanks”*
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *The Lord’s Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn ** *TFWS # 2172* *“We Are Called”*
- *Benediction*
- *Benediction Response ** *TFWS # 2280* *“The Lord Bless and Keep You”*
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude*

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Announcements

Bible Study— “Getting Involved with God” by Ellen F. Davis

* **Led by Diane Godfrey** on Sundays from 11:30-12:30 pm Mar. 26

* **Led by Kathy Rockey** on Mondays from 6:00-7:00 pm Mar. 27

Paul & Nora Meredith invite everyone to celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary TODAY Sunday, March 26 in the Fellowship Hall between 1st & 2nd services. **Please do not bring cards or gifts.** The best gift possible is sharing cookies, coffee, and genuine quality time with church family.

Palm Sunday, April 2—One service at 10 am. Easter Cantata presents Lloyd Larsen’s “Worthy is the Lamb” with a potluck to follow the service. Ham, mashed potatoes & gravy provided. Those with last names A-M bring a salad; N-Z bring a dessert.

Women United in Faith will host a Lenten Luncheon on April 5, 2023, at 12:00 noon followed by a program by Pastor Dave Morton. **Everyone** is invited and there will be a signup sheet on the event board outside Friend’s Place. Hope to see you there.

The Easter Offering will go to Jacob’s Well to help those in the community that are in need.

Beginnings Care for Life Center Baby Bottle campaign will take place May 14-June 18. This is an annual fundraiser and supports a wonderful cause. Bottles are provided to collect your change, cash, & checks in for donation.

It’s time to order Easter flowers. Please see the insert for more information.

Nursery care workers needed. Please contact the office for more information. See job description posted on bulletin board.

Registration for 2023 Summer Church Camp has begun. Brochures are on the information table outside of Friend’s Place. Coldwater UMC provides camp scholarships to pay for camp. See more details in the March newsletter. Contact Ruth Proctor or Michele if questions.

It’s time together again for our annual mission auction potato bar luncheon. The mission team has set a date of Sunday, October 1. Please submit any ideas you may have for donations for the auction. We have had great participation in the past raising many dollars for missions submit your ideas to Michele at the office or any of the mission team members.

~ Sherry, Linda Luce, Sheila Walrack, Teri Dobson, Ann Boltz.

Pastor Scott will lead a Worship Service at Drew’s Place the first Tuesday of each month at 2 pm. If anyone from the congregation would like to join, please contact Pastor Scott.

Announcements

Join us throughout Lent as we consider the Habits of our Heart. Our 7 week worship series "Heart Habits- Growing Our Relationship with God" will focus on Hebrew Scripture that tells the tale of God's heart for us, and our heart for God. As the accompanying book study Getting involved with God states "...it is evident that the Old testament is urging us toward certain habits of heart and mind that "work: in our relationship with God." Join us as we discover these habits together. -

Pastor Scott

Heart Habits worship series topics (Invite a friend!)

"Break my Heart for What Breaks Yours" Psalm 51- March 19th

"Heart and Soul, Discovery at the Bottom" Isaiah 49- March 26th

"Listening to the Heart" Isaiah 50- Palm Sunday April 2nd

"God's Overflowing Heart" John 20- Easter Sunday April 9th

Pastor Scott's office is open to walk-ins on Tuesday's from 9 am -12 pm. No apt. needed.

CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse from 6:30 to 7:10 pm; **CANTATA CHOIR** rehearses 7:15 to 8 pm.

All God's children invites all youth to the Friday night fun night every Friday from 6:30-8pm. **Youth Friday night fun night** is looking for donations of drinks and snacks, please! They be may left in the 2nd floor kitchen or near the elevator door.

All God's Children meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Faith & Food - A Bible Study for those in their 20's, 30's & 40's— The group is now meeting the second and fourth Sundays monthly from 12:00-1:15 pm. We need approved childcare workers for these days. Please contact the office to volunteer.

Tommy's House current grocery list is available on the information table outside of Friend's Place. Please take one.

Long time member, Rich Johnson, has passed away. Jan and her family will have Rich's memorial service here soon. More information will be announced once details are finalized. If you would like to send Jan a card, please send one to: 741 Park East Blvd. Ste 412, Lafayette, IN 47905.

Our Visioning team has met for a final time and crafted the following vision for our church to review:

"Coldwater UMC strives to be a safe harbor for all as we grow in Christ and respond to the Spirit with childlike curiosity."

We believe each of these values is represented in our statement. Yet, this statement means nothing without your approval and adoption. We request you feedback at our Palm Sunday / Cantata Sunday Brunch on April 2nd at 11 am.

Calendar

Sunday, March 26—Pastor Scott Marsh

9:00 am Classic Service
9:15 am Children's Church
10:30 am Casual Service
11:30 am Bible Study with Diane Godfrey
12:00 pm Faith & Food

Monday, March 27

12:30 pm Prayer Group
6:00 pm Bible Study with Kathy Rockey

Tuesday, March 28

9am-12pm Pastor Scott's office-walk-in hours

Wednesday, March 29—Bulletin Deadline

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm Cantata Rehearsal

Thursday, March 30

7:00 am Rotary
4:00 pm M&M Diner

Friday, March 31—Offices are closed

5:30 pm Kids Safe Space

Saturday, April 1

9:00 am Worship Team Meeting

Sunday, April 2—Pastor Scott Marsh

Communion

10:00 am One Service-Cantata
11:00 am Potluck

Calendar beyond this week

April 2 Palm Sunday/Cantata/
One service 10 am + potluck
April 6 Maundy Thursday meal+service
April 7 Good Friday Ecumenical 12:30p
April 9 Easter Sunrise Service 7:30 am
Breakfast 8:00 am
Classic service 9 am
Casual 10:30 am

Prayer List

Annette
Jack Ferguson
David & Carol Hindenach
Bente Howe
Jan Johnson
Cathy Marbaugh
Betty Meulhaus
Cindy Paul
Barb Pluister
Co-worker of Kathy Rockey
Tyler S.
Beau Siler
Jeff Streets
Sue Wassenberg
Ashley Wilcox
* Family of Rich Johnson
*Those with illnesses
*Our leaders, our nation, our world
*The leaders within our church, committee meetings, and groups that gather

Please submit your Prayer request's 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

2023 Special Sundays

Apr 23 Native American Sunday
May 14 Golden Cross Sunday
Jun 4 Peace with Justice Sunday
Aug 20 Christian Education Sunday
Sep 10 Rural Life Sunday
Oct 1 World Communion Sunday
Oct 15 Disability Awareness Sunday
Nov 26 UM Student Sunday