

Coldwater United Methodist Church

Pastor's Desk

I listen to Jazz when I'm needing to concentrate, study, or write. The melodies and improvisations help me be creative and focus in on my task. Cannonball Adderly, Jimmy Smith, Dave Brubeck, Oscar Peterson, are some favorites but these are just the ones that come to mind as I write. Each artist is a great player in their own right, but more so they are also great listeners. Jazz is as much about making space, listening and building on what is being created as it is about expressing yourself. I feel like our church is in a Jazz kinda place as we being Lent.

After two visioning sessions, the visioning team has determined the following values at the core of who Coldwater UMC is. We are a congregation that values:

1. Fun,
2. Servant Leadership,
3. Being Welcoming,
4. Love,
- and 5. Spirituality

Do you think this describes us? Our discussion to arrive at this list was a fruitful one. As I sat and listened, each voice concentrated in on who we were and who we wished to be. During the hours spent around the table there was laughter, consideration of our current and future mission. There was times of debate and a lasting respect. There was genuine affection and the Spirit was moving among us. It was like jazz. As each person spoke around the table they were adding and building on each other. One person would bring forth a phrase or theme and another would echo the line, adding a little bit more to it. Each voice, each story, added to our time together there was an energy as we met that brought forth the five values listed above.

Our visioning process connects in well with Lent, for both seek to boil us down to the essentials of who we are. Like jazz solos that echos the same riff, lent asks us to refocus on our mortality, our identity, our calling, our relationship with Christ. Lent asks us to reconsider our priorities and live in closer accordance to God.

Throughout these forty days I encourage you to take on a spiritual practice or restrain yourself from that which is getting in the way between you and God. Reconnect, ground yourself, stop and consider how you are using your life. What needs to change? How can you take on a greater integrity and connection in your walk in faith? Lent reminds us we are mortal, and that each day is an opportunity to live into what matters most. It's an opportunity to let your life speak by echoing God's voice through you. Kinda like... Jazz.

Whatever you take on or leave off I pray your lent my be awakening, and that through the love of Christ you may come away with a renewed focus, a new song that you and God create together.

Be well Beloved Child of God,

Pastor Scott Rev. Scott Marsh

¹ <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/teen-suicides-increased-many-states-pandemic-rca25825>

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Giving Sundays for 2023

Mar 19	UMCOR Sunday
Apr 23	Native American Ministries Sunday
Jun 4	Peace with Justice Sunday
Oct 1	World Communion Sunday
Nov 26	United Methodist Student Day

***Pastor Scott's office is
open to
walk-ins on Tuesday's
from 9 am—12 pm.
No appointment need-
ed***

Church 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

****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.**

M & M Diner ~ March Menu

Mar 2	Chili & Hot Dogs
Mar 9	Chicken & Biscuits
Mar 16	Beef & Noodles
Mar 23	TBD
Mar 30	Breakfast for dinner

One Service Sundays- 10 am

April 2 Easter Cantata

Registration for 2023 Summer Church Camp has Begun!



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 also family camps and camps for young children with an adult. With a week of camp costing over \$400, this is a wonderful opportunity for our youth and families!

Copies of camp brochures are on the table outside of Friends Place or you can 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 and families

Lake Louise Christian Community: <https://lakelouisecommunity.org> Includes Teddy Bear Camp and camps for elementary, middle school and high school ages

Here is what to do:

*Register for camp and pay the camp deposit, which will be reimbursed to you later
Fill out a Camp Scholarship Application form and return it to church by Monday, April 24. The forms are in the Endowment mailbox or contact Michele for a form.
The Endowment Committee meets on April 27 to vote on funding camp scholarships.
Coldwater UMC will pay the balance of your camp fees directly to the camp.
Enjoy camp this summer!
Coldwater UMC will reimburse you for your camp deposit after you return.*

Note: registrations before April 30 are eligible for a discount. However, registrations after April will still be considered. If you have questions, please contact Ruth Proctor or Michele.

Ruth Proctor, Endowment Chair: (517) 741-3817 or email: ruth@accountingtaxpros.com

Small Groups

Bible Study

“Getting Involved with God” by Ellen F. Davis “This is a book about getting, and staying, involved with God—what it takes, what it costs, what it looks and feels like, why anyone would want to do it anyway. It is at the same time a book about reading the Old Testament as a source of Good News and guidance for our life with God. The key piece of Good News that the Old Testament communicates over and over again is that God is involved with us, deeply and irrevocably so.” —from the Introduction

* **Option One** for this Study will be led by Diane Godfrey on Sundays following the second service from 11:30-12:30 pm Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

* **Option Two** for this Study will be led by Kathy Rockey on Monday evenings from 6:00-7:00 pm Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, and 27.

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—A Bible Study for those in their 20’s, 30’s & 40’s. The group is now meeting on the second and fourth Sundays monthly from 12:00-1:15 pm.

Knit Wits—will meet on March 3 at 10 am in Friend’s Place. Please join us if you like to knit, want to learn to knit, or simply for conversation. See Nora Meredith for more details.

Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 12:30 pm

	5-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar
	Communion			
Liturgist 9:00 am	Diane Godfrey	Karen Eyster	Ruth Proctor	Kendra Shook
Liturgist 10:30 am	Diane Godfrey	Chuck Lillis	Volunteer	Kendra Shook
Usher 1 - 9:00 am	Dick Zeluff	Gail Widener	Curt Proctor	
Usher 2 - 9:00 am	Bev Zeluff	Jim McDaniels		
Usher 1 - 10:30 am				Sherry Dart
Usher 2 - 10:30 am				
Teller 1	Grace Parshall	Sheila Walrack	Judy Elliott	Dot Young
Teller 2	Terry Stewart	Dot Young	Barbara Worden	Judy Elliott
Teller 3	Shirley Easter-day	Jill Avery	Sherry Dart	Ann Boltz
Coffee Set up 1	Cheryl Robison	Tom Shenefield	Pat Furney	Cindy Stevens & Bonnie Ewing
Coffee Set up 2	Dottie Young	Sharon Shenefield	Rick Furney	Eva Rice
Fellowship Clean Up 1	Linda Luce	Tom Shenefield	Pat Furney	Cindy Stevens & Bonnie Ewing
Fellowship Clean Up 2		Sharon Shenefield	Rick Furney	Eva Rice

This and that

Backpack Buddies—*Thank you for your donations* —We will be collecting hair-brushes, combs, hair ties, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner, body wash or hand soap, socks boys and girls, wash clothes, deodorant, gloves, mittens, hats and scarves, dental floss. Grocery lists are available on the information table. Items will be collected through March 19th list. We still need plastic bags. .

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

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

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.

March 11—Chili Cook Off is back 5 pm-8:30 pm
*Registration forms are outside of the sanctuary & are due March 5th.
*Suggested free will offering \$5/person \$15/family for voting.
*Non-contestants bring a dish: A-M/Dessert; N-Z/ Salad
*5-6pm Eat/Vote
*6-8p Board games, cards and winner announced
Contact the office for more information.
Profits go to
"Angel Fund" and "Pastor's Discretionary Fund"

Chancel Choir practice is on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm
Cantata will rehearse at 7:15pm.

Easter Flower Orders being taken.

Lilies and Tulips are available for \$18 each. A portion of the cost of the flowers will go to Jacob's Well.

Committee News

Pastor and our church leaders invite you to pray for Boards and Committees.
Dear Lord, Work through our leaders. Grant that they may be attune with our needs and present mission, so that we may answer your calling in this time and place. May the wind of your spirit blow through our church guiding us in your way. In all things we pray.
Amen

Requests for Memorial Funds need to be submitted to Nancy Davis davisnmd@yahoo.com by March 14. Request forms can be found in the Memorial Committee mailbox. Please include where you would purchase the item(s) and total cost including shipping.
Our next meeting is March 15th at 6 pm.
Nancy Davis, Chair, Memorial Committee

Notes to the congregation

Giving envelopes are still on backorder. Expected delivery is March. If you need more envelopes in the meantime, please let the office know.

Giving statements were sent out in January via mail or email. If you have not received yours, contact the office so that we can get a copy to you. Please indicate how you would like to receive it in the future

Upcoming Events

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!)

"Driven by Desire" Proverbs 8- Feb 26th

"A Growing Relationship" Exodus 33- March 5th

"Seeing Heart to Heart" Psalm 102- March 12th

"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

Paul & Nora Meredith would like to invite everyone to celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on 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.

Join Bishop David Bard: HOLY LAND TRIP Nov. 13-22, 2023

Please find a brochure with the detailed information posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex across the Sanctuary.

Two additional Extension Trips available as well:

Wonders of Petra and the Dead Sea or Nile Cruise into Cairo.

If you need a brochure, call Nancy Davis. 517-897-4591.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Linda Lintner
- 4 Pat Taylor
- 11 Nancy Fidler
- 12 Ron Rowland
- 17 Pastor Scott Marsh
Joseph Renshaw
- 20 Cindy Paul
- 21 Sebastian Gillette
- 21 Steel Gillette
- 24 Ron & Tracy Rowland
- 25 Jefry Robison
- 26 Amanda Meredith
- 28 Paul & Nora Meredith
- 31 Caleb Malefyt

PRAYER LIST

*Annette
Jack Ferguson
David & Carol Hindenach
Bente Howe
Rich & Jan Johnson
Cathy Marbaugh
Cindy Paul
Co-worker of Kathy Rockey
Tyler S.
Beau Siler
Jeff Streets
Sue Wassenberg
Ashley Wilcox
Carolyn Yoder
*Family of Al Miller
*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 locat-
ed 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 re-
quests without permission of the individ-*



LENT ACTIVITIES

Palm Sunday, April 2 • 10:00 am

Lloyd Larsen's "Worthy Is the Lamb"

Cantata Presented by Coldwater
UMC Chancel Choir

Meal to follow the service.

Good Friday, April 7 • 12:30pm

Good Friday Service in the

CUMC Sanctuary

Ecumenical Service

Wednesday, April 5 • 12:00 pm

United Methodist Women Lenten
Luncheon

More information to come.

**Easter Sunday, April 9 • Begins
at 12:00pm**

7:30 am Sunrise service

8:00 am Pancake Breakfast


provided by UM Men

9 & 10:30 am Services

Maundy Thursday, April 6 • 6:00pm

Located at Coldwater UMC

*Service and Meal in the Fellowship
Hall*



March 2023



February '23							April '23									
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
26	27	28	1 Bulletin Dead line 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Cantata Rehearsal	2 7:00 am Rotary 4:00 pm M&M Diner	3 Church Offices Closed 10:00 am Knit Wifs 5:30 pm Kids Safe Space	4 10 am Worship Team Mtg	
5 Communion 9:00 am Classic Service 9:15 am Children's SS 10:30 am Casual Service 11:30 Bible study	6 12:30 Prayer Group 6:00 pm Bible study 6:30 pm All God's Children	7 9am Pastor's Office open 2pm Pastor at Drew's	8 Bulletin Dead line 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Cantata Rehearsal 6:30 pm Trustees Mtg	9 7:00 am Rotary 4:00 pm M&M Diner	10 Church Offices Closed 5:30 pm Kids Safe Space	11 5p m-8:30pm Chili Cook	
12 Daylight Saving 9:00 am Classic Service 9:15 am Children's SS 10:30 am Casual Service 11:30 Bible study 12:00 pm Faith & Food	13 12:30 Prayer Group 6:00 pm Bible study	14 9am Pastor's Office open	15 Bulletin Dead line 6:00 pm Memorial Mtg. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Cantata Rehearsal	16 7:00 am Rotary 4:00 pm M&M Diner	17 St Patrick's Day Church Offices Closed 5:30 pm Kids Safe Space	18	
19 Blood Pressures 9:00 am Classic Service 9:15 am Children's SS 10:30 am Casual Service 11:30 Bible study	20 12:30 Prayer Group 5:30 pm Care & Outreach 6:00 pm Bible study	21 9am Pastor's Office open 7 pm Admin Council Mtg	22 Bulletin Dead line 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Cantata Rehearsal	23 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 am Rotary 4:00 pm M&M Diner	24 Church Offices Closed 5:30 pm Kids Safe Space	25	
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2	3					<h2>Coldwater United Methodist Church</h2> <p>For the most current information view our online church calendar at www.coldwaterum.org</p>	