

Sunday, March 6, 2022

COLDWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent

Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

Michele Broughman

Administrative Assistant

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

**Please call for an appointment.*

Cindy Garn

Music Ministry

Cheyenne Jonas

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9:00 Traditional Service
9:15 Children's Sunday school
10:30 Casual Service



Mary & Martha Diner

10-Mar	Goulash
17-Mar	Spaghetti
24-Mar	Pulled Pork Sandwiches
31-Mar	Chicken & Biscuits



CENTERING THOUGHT

"Blessed are you who realize there is simply not enough - time, money, resources. Blessed are you who are tired of pretending that raw effort is the secret to perfection.

It's not. And you know that now. Blessed are you who need a gentle reminder that even now, even today, God is here, and somehow, that is good enough."

~ Kate Bowler, Author of Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection

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 Sermons page:

<https://www.coldwaterum.org/copy-of-sermons>

Coldwater United Methodist Church website bulletins page:

<https://www.coldwaterum.org/newsletters-bulletins>

Coldwater UMC updated calendar

<https://www.coldwaterum.org/calendar>

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* TBD
- *Gathering Song* “A Community in Christ”
- *Welcome & Announcements*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ **
- *Threshold Moment*
- *Calls to worship*
 - Leader: Holy One, Our Refuge and Shelter,*
 - People: We call out to you,*
Sometime in praise, sometime in distress - as life goes.
 - Leader: Whether we perceive it or not, you are there.*
Open us this day to your presence
 - People: In the smile of a friend, in the call of a bird -*
in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days.
- *Opening Hymn** UMH # 395 “Take Time to Be Holy”
- *Scripture* Luke 4:1-13
- *Children’s Moment*
- *Message* Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore “Ordinary Lives Can Be Holy”
- *Responsive Hymn* UMH # 269 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
- *Communion*
- *Offering/Tithes*
- *Doxology* UMH # 95 “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”
- *Pastoral & Lord’s Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn ** UMH # 393 “Spirit of the Living God” (2x thru)
- *Benediction **
- *Benediction Response ** UMH # 898 “Amen”
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude* TBD

*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 # 2132* *“Gather Us In”*
- *TFWS # 2154* *“Please Enter My Heart, Hosanna”*
- *Scripture* *Luke 4:1-13*
- *Children’s Moment*
- *Message* *Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore* *“Ordinary Lives Can Be Holy”*
- *Responsive Hymn* *TFWS # 2132* *“You Who Are Thirsty”*
- *Communion*
- *Offering/Tithes*
- *Doxology* *TFWS # 2036* *“Give Thanks”*
- *Pastoral & Lord’s Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn ** *TFWS # 2167* *“More Like You”*
- *Benediction **
- *Benediction Response ** *TFWS # 2280* *“The Lord Bless and Keep You”*
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude* *“Sanctus”*
Music: Mark A. Miller
Source: The Faith We Sing

**Stand as able*

Announcements

Faith & Food - A Bible Study for those in their 20's, 30's & 40's— The group is now meeting the first and third Wednesdays monthly from 6:00-7:15 pm. The next gathering is Wednesday, March 13th.

FAITH & FOOD

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.


We are in need of one couple or one pair of individuals to help set up for fellowship on the 3rd Sunday each month. If you are able to help, please contact the office. Thank you, Michele.

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.

UMW NEWS— The United Methodist Women are planning on hosting their annual Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, April 13th at 12:00. Everyone is invited to attend.

Chancel Choir rehearsals have resumed and will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 pm to 8 pm in the sanctuary. Masks are required. I do have singer's masks available for those who would like one. There's always room for more people! If you are interested, please let me know - thank you! Cindy Garn, Music Ministry

MISSION NEWS—The Mission Committee is planning for their annual Potato Bar and Auction to be held on Sunday, May 1st. We are looking for donations for the live and silent auction as well as baked goods. If you can donate, please let give that information to Sherry Dart.

 **Coffee/Tea/Chai with the Pastor – Mondays in March**—Come connect with Rev. Julie for light conversation at the Jeannie's Diner on Mondays in March between 10:30 am & noon. All welcome!

Needed: A Few Good Jokes—The Worship Team is looking for a few good Bible, faith and religious jokes to include in is year's Holy Humor Sunday services the week after Easter. Please submit the jokes you find or create to Michele in the church office by April Fools' Day (April 1)

Holy
Humor

Announcements

Registration for 2022 Summer Church Camp Has Begun! It may be snowing outside, but it's already time to think about church camp for this summer. 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 adult camps, family camps and camps for young children with an adult. The Endowment Committee would love to send everyone to camp who wishes to attend.

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, adults, and families
- Lake Louise Christian Community: <https://lakelouisecommunity.org> – includes Teddy Bear Camp (beginning at age 4) and camps for elementary, middle school and high school ages

Here is what to do:

1. Register for camp and pay the camp deposit, which will be reimbursed to you later.
2. Fill out a Camp Scholarship Application form and return it to church by Monday, April 18. The forms will be in the Endowment mailbox or contact Michele for a form.
3. The Endowment Committee meets later that week to vote on funding camp scholarships.
4. Coldwater UMC will pay the balance of your camp fees directly to the camp.
5. Enjoy camp this summer!
6. Coldwater UMC will reimburse you for your camp deposit after you return.

With a week of camp costing about \$400, this is a wonderful opportunity for our youth.

Please contact, Ruth Proctor, Endowment Chair: (517) 741-3817 ruth@accountingtaxpros.com or Pastor Julie: (517) 279-8402 (church) jyelmor@gmail.com

Backpack Buddies donations are now being collected in the basket is near the elevator.

The following items are being collected until March 15th:

- Ramen Noodles
- Individual size Canned Soup with pop lids
- Individual size Ravioli with pop lids (may be any pasta meal in a can)
- Individual Oatmeal Packets
- Granola Bars or Pop Tarts
- Individual size Cereal cups
- Individual size Mac-n-Cheese cups
- Individually wrapped snacks (pretzels, raisins, crackers, cheez-its, Jell-O cups, pudding cups, cookies, etc.)



**The program provides the kids fruit, veggies, and cereal. They ask that the donated items are all small and individual sizes as the weight of the backpacks becomes quite heavy for the kids to carry.

Announcements

Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection by Kate Bowler & Jessica Richie—This year's Lenten Study is *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection* by Kate Bowler & Jessica Richie



Here is a bit about the study from the Cokesbury website:

Written gently and with humor, Good Enough is a permission slip for all those who need to hear that there are some things you can fix. And some things you can't. And it's okay that life isn't always better. In these gorgeously written reflections, Kate Bowler offers fresh imagination for how truth, beauty, and meaning can be discovered amidst the rubble and chaos of life. Her words celebrate kindness, honesty, and interdependence in a culture that rewards ruthless individualism and blind optimism. And ultimately, in these pages we can rest easy in the encouragement to strive for what is possible today - while recognizing that though we are finite, the life in front of us can still be beautiful.

There will be several sessions of this study offered as follows:

- *Daytime In-Person ~ Rev. Julie Elmore*
 - *Wednesdays 1:30 to 3:00 pm beginning March 9 and wrapping up on April 13.*
- *Evening via Zoom ~ Rev. Julie Elmore*
 - *Thursdays 6:45 to 8:15 pm beginning March 10 and wrapping up April 21. We will skip April 14 for Maundy Thursday.*
- *Faith & Food*
 - *Wednesdays, March 9 & 23, April 20, May 4 & 18, June 1 from 6:00 to 7:15 pm.*
- *Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am ~ Chuck Lillis ~ March 6 – April 10*

Books for this study are \$16.00 each and can be ordered now by contacting Michele in the office at 279-8402 or coldwaterum@gmail.com

Help Support the Humanitarian Response in Ukraine—The General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church is deeply troubled by the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the ominous implications it has for escalating tensions between Russia and Western nations. We pray for the peace and security of United Methodists in Ukraine and Russia and for all of their neighbors, and that tranquility will prevail over their lives and countries.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief arm of Global Ministries, is in communication with partners in the region and actively exploring the coordination of humanitarian response in Ukraine.

If you would like to support the humanitarian response in the Ukraine, please write a check to "Coldwater UMC" and write in the memo line "Humanitarian Response Ukraine."

Announcements

COVID-19 Current Protocols—The Omicron Variant of COVID-19 continues to affect our community, state and country right now. In consultation with the CUMC COVID-19 Task Force, below is what is currently happening.

- Both the 9:00 am (Classic) and 10:30 am (Casual) worship services have resumed and are offered both in-person and online. The wearing of masks will continue to be required and physical distancing is strongly encouraged.
- Communion and Remembrance of Baptism Bags are available for pick up next to the elevator.
- Sunday School has resumed.
- Fellowship Time has resumed between services.
- Office hours continue to remain Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Meeting virtually is also strongly encouraged, however the decision will be left up to each committee and group.
- The Mary & Martha Diner will remain open to provide meals for those who depend on these meals for nourishment.

Thank you to all who have been flexible to during this Season of COVID. May we continue to lean into God's strength, patience, and peace as we navigate these times together as a community in Christ serving all God's children.

A note... I am so grateful for the church caring family we have at the United Methodist Church. The flood of phone calls, cards, visits, and especially the prayers have upheld me through this recovery journey. It is tremendously comforting to know that we have your support during the bumps in the road of life. Ann and Mel Boltz

Worship Assistants

	6-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar
	Communion		
Liturgist 9:00 am	Kendra Shook	Ruth Proctor	Karen Eyster
Liturgist 10:30 am	Beth Karney	Tony Garn	Carol Tinervia
Usher 1 - 9:00 am	Bev Zeluff	Gail Widener	Sherry Dart
Usher 2 - 9:00 am	Becky Pridgeon	Jim McDaniels	
Usher 1 - 10:30 am			
Usher 2 - 10:30 am			
Coffee Set up 1	Cheryl Robison-1st Sun	Tom Shenefield-2nd Sun	
Coffee Set up 2	Dottie Young-1st Sun	Sharon Shenefield-2nd Sun	
Fellowship Clean Up 1	Linda Luce-1st Sun	Tom Shenefield-2nd Sun	Rick Furney-3rd Sun
Fellowship Clean Up 2		Sharon Shenefield-2nd Sun	Pat Furney-3rd Sun

This Week at CUMC

Sunday, March 6—Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

Communion at both services

9:00 am *Lenten Study w/Chuck Lillis*

9:00 am *Classic Service In-person & virtual*

9:15 am *Children's Sunday School*

10:30 am *Casual Service In-person & virtual*

Monday, March 7

6:45 am *Online devotions on CUMC
Facebook Page*

10:30 am *Coffee with the Pastor at Jeannie's*

12:30 pm *Prayer Group via Zoom*

6:30 pm *All God's Children*

Tuesday, March 8

6:45 am *Online devotions on CUMC
Facebook Page*

12:00 pm *MARSP*

Wednesday, March 9—Bulletin Deadline

6:45 am *Online devotions on CUMC
Facebook Page*

1:00 pm *Lenten Study w/Rev. Julie*

6:00 pm *Faith & Food*

6:45 pm *Choir Rehearsal*

Thursday, March 10

7:00 am *Rotary*

4:00 pm *M&M Diner*

6:30 pm *Trustees Meeting*

6:45 pm *Lenten Study via Zoom*

Friday, March 11—Offices are closed

6:45 am *Online devotions on CUMC
Facebook Page*

Saturday, March 12

6:45 am *Online devotions on CUMC
Facebook Page*

Sunday, March 13—Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

9:00 am *Lenten Study w/Chuck Lillis*

9:00 am *Classic Service In-person & virtual*

9:15 am *Children's Sunday school*

10:30 am *Casual Service In-person & virtual*

Worship Series

Second Sunday in Lent ~ March 13

Scriptures: Luke 13:31-35

Message Title: "So Much is Out of Our Control"

Third Sunday in Lent ~ March 20

Scriptures: Luke 13:1-9

*Message Title: "Lots of Things Can Be
Medicine"*

Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ March 27

Scriptures: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

*Message Title: "We Often Believe We are the
Problem"*

Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ April 3

Scriptures: John 12:1-8

Message Title: "We Are Fragile"

Special: Communion

Sixth Sunday in Lent ~ April 10 ~ One Service

Scriptures: TBA

Message Title: TBA

*Special: Chancel Choir will sing a variety of
songs from past Easter Cantatas.*

Flowers

*To purchase altar flowers, please sign up
outside of Friend's Place. The cost is \$25*

Attendance

Feb 27	<i>In-person</i>	70
	<i>Virtual</i>	83



Special Sundays

- ✓ **April 10** *Easter Music Special*
- ✓ **April 24** *Service with Our Neighbors*
- ✓ **July 24** *Worship in the Park*

Looking ahead...

- April 10** *Palm Sunday*
- April 14** *Maundy Thursday*
- April 15** *Good Friday*
- April 17** *Easter Sunday*

Regular Offerings

Feb 27 **\$4,222.00**

(\$4,800.00 Needed for weekly for our Operating Budget)

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. (Malachi 3:10)

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

Giving Sundays

- UMCOR Sunday—March 27, 2022***
- Native American Ministries—May 1, 2022***
- Peace With Justice—June 12, 2022***
- World Communion—October 2, 2022***
- United Methodist Student Day—Nov 27, 2022***

Prayer List

Annette
Dick Aker
Dinah Bauman
Ann Boltz
Lee & Jean Brayton
Kenneth & Phyllis Briggs
Ann Carlisle
Tom Clark
Irene Frambes
Nikki Fullbright
Cheyanne Jonas
Rich Johnson
Lisa H.
Kim K.
Henrietta Kerkstra
Cathy Marbaugh
Jim Miller
Cindy Paul
Jenna Purdy
Ann Smoker
Ruthie Richards
Ashley Wilcox
**Those diagnosed with COVID-19*
**Our leaders, our nation, our world*
**People of Israel and Palestine*
**People of Afghanistan*
**People of Haiti*
**People at the Texas/Mexico Border*
**People of Ukraine*
**Schools—students, teachers, school secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians, administrators, volunteers, bus drivers, social workers, lunch personnel, school counselors, and school board*