

Sunday, December 25, 2022

THE
REASON
WE

Celebrate



“Jesus became incarnate to reveal the invisible God. The personal Incarnation is the logical conclusion of God’s Love affair with creation...God had to become human once the love affair began, because - strictly speaking - **love implies some level of likeness or even equality.** The Incarnation was an inevitable conclusion, not an accident or an anomaly.”

~ Richard Rohr “The Divine Dance” pg. 174

Coldwater United Methodist Church Christmas Day

Pastor Scott Marsh

Michele Broughman ~ Administrative Assistant

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

Cindy Garn ~ Music Ministry

Tony Garn ~ Multimedia coordinator

Cheyenne Jonas & 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>

Amplify Media

<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify>

Access Code: YMDBXS

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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.

10:00 am – Christmas Day Service (combined)

- *Prelude* "Joy to the World"
Music: G.F. Handel (1741)
Arr. By C. Garn
- *Gathering Song* "A Community in Christ"
- *Welcome & Announcements*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ **
- *Threshold Moment*
- *Calls to worship - Cloth for the Cradle by Wild Goose Worship*
- *Opening Hymn** UMH # 240 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
W&S # 3059 "Love Has Come"
- *Scripture* An Echo reading of John 1:1-14
- *Scripture Reading Response* UMH # 71 "Glory Be to the Father"
- *Children's Moment* Meagan Marsh
- *Message* Pastor Scott Marsh "A Fleishy Word"
- *Responsive Hymn* UHM # 224 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"
W&S # 3064 "On Christmas Night"
- *Offering/Tithes*
- *Doxology* UMH # 94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *Lord's Prayers*
- *Closing Hymn ** UMH # 217 "Away in a Manager" Vs.1,3
W&S #3067 "Welcome to Our World"
- *Benediction **
- *Benediction Response ** UMH # 246 "Joy to the World" Vs.1
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude* "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"
Music: Philipp Nicolai (1599);
harm. By J.S. Bach (1731)
Source: United Methodist Hymnal

*Stand as able

Announcements

Pastor Scott is posting a Daily Devotional throughout Advent to Epiphany (Nov 27- Jan 6) based on the book “Celebrating Abundance” by Walter Brueggmann. Look for it on the Coldwater UMC’s Facebook page.

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**Backpack Buddies are collecting non-perishables in individual sizes.** They will be turned in Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. Items that can be donated are: Granola bars, pudding cups, jello cups, fruit cups, cheese & peanutbutter crackers, tuna, soups, popcorn, mac n’cheese, peanut butter individual sizes, and healthy snacks. Thank you, Cindy Stevens and our backpack buddies

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January 14, 2023—MEN’S STEAKOUT IS BACK!! The 26th Annual Branch County Men of Integrity Steak Out’s featured speaker is Ken Bevel. You may remember Ken by his role as Lieutenant Michael Simmons in the 2008 inspirational movie “Fireproof” and for his role as Nathan Hayes in “Courageous.” Tickets are \$20 and are now on sale and can be purchased at Becker Eye Care, 35 S. Michigan Ave., Coldwater. First come, first serve.

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**The Christmas offering** will be going to Coach Eby Youth and Family Center, Inc. and to Tommy’s House.

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MARY & MARTHA UPDATE—As 2022 comes to a close, please let us thank all those who made our M & M Diner possible this year. We served an average of 77 people each Thursday, with 115 for our Thanksgiving Meal, and Christmas yet to take place. This is made possible by seven teams from four different churches: UMC, St. Marks, Latter Day Saints and St. Charles, consisting of over 60 individuals!

It is also possible due to generous support from Clemens Foods, Pridgeon Farms, Genesis Outreach, Sweet Adelines and Dave McKay, and it should be noted that our St. Charles team pays for all their own food. Terri Dobson and Nancy Davis are responsible for our beautiful new centerpieces. Thank you Everyone!

We are so proud of this mission as we start our 15th year. This is not church funded, but run completely on donations; as you consider where you might wish to donate, please keep us in mind.

Thank you so much!
Mary & Martha Team

Announcements

Rehearsals for Chancel Choir are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm

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***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.

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

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

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Faith & Food - A Bible Study for those in their 20's, 30's & 40's— The group is now meeting the first and third Tuesdays monthly from 6:00-7:15 pm. We need approved childcare workers for these nights. Please contact the office to volunteer.

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***Pastor Scott*** will be taking a vacation from January 11 – 15<sup>th</sup>

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Lisa Butten from MI UMC Young Adult Ministries will be preaching on January 15th.

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***We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas*** and many blessings for the New Year!  
~ The staff at Coldwater United Methodist Church

## Worship Assistants

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|                       | 25-Dec                       |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
|                       | Christmas Sunday             |
| Liturgist 9:00 am     | Tony Garn                    |
| Liturgist 10:30 am    | Tony Garn                    |
| Usher 1 - 9:00 am     |                              |
| Usher 2 - 9:00 am     |                              |
| Usher 1 - 10:30 am    |                              |
| Usher 2 - 10:30 am    |                              |
| Teller 1              | Dot Young                    |
| Teller 2              | Judy Elliott                 |
| Teller 3              | Ann Boltz                    |
| Coffee Set up 1       | Eva Rice                     |
| Coffee Set up 2       | Cindy Stevens & Bonnie Ewing |
| Fellowship Clean Up 1 | Eva Rice                     |
| Fellowship Clean Up 2 | Cindy Stevens & Bonnie Ewing |
| Pulpit 9:00 am        | Pastor Scott Marsh           |
| Pulpit 10:30 am       | Pastor Scott Marsh           |

## Giving & Attendance

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|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Dec 18</b> | \$3,754.00    | (\$4,800.00 Needed for weekly for our Operating Budget) |
| <b>Dec 18</b> | 9:00/10:30 am | 50                                                      |
|               | Online        | 103                                                     |

## Flowers

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Altar flowers may be purchased for \$25  
~ Please sign up outside of Friend's Place

## Mary & Martha Diner

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| <b>Dec 29</b> | Pulled Pork Sandwiches |
| <b>Jan 5</b>  | Italian Meatloaf       |
| <b>Jan 12</b> | Goulash                |
| <b>Jan 19</b> | Chicken & Biscuits     |
| <b>Jan 26</b> | Beef & Noodles         |

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## **Calendar**

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**Sunday, December 25—Pastor Scott Marsh**

**10:00 am Combined Service**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Monday, December 26**

**CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED**

**Tuesday, December 27**

**6:00 pm Faith & Food**

**Wednesday, December 28—Bulletin Deadline**

**6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal**

**Thursday, December 29**

**7:00 am Rotary**

**4:00 pm M&M Diner**

**Friday, December 30—Offices are closed**

**10:00 am Knits Wits (check with Nora)**

**6:00 pm Kids Safe Space**

**Saturday, December 31**

**Sunday, January 1—Pastor Scott Marsh**

**9:00 am Classic Service**

**9:15 am Children's Church**

**10:00 am Casual Service**

## **Calendar beyond this week**

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**January 2 – Church Offices Are Closed**

## **Prayer List**

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Annette

David & Carol Hindenach

Bente Howe

Rich & Jan Johnson

Cathy Marbaugh

Heath Morrison

Cindy Paul

Barb Pluister

Bob Pluister

Co-worker of Kathy Rockey

Mark Shenefield

Ashley Wilcox

Carolyn Yoder

*\*Those diagnosed with COVID-19*

*\*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*



*For the grace of  
God has appeared,  
bringing salvation  
for all people.*

Titus 2:11, ESV