
Sunday, November 27, 2022

COLDWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent

Centering Thought



“Hope on one hand, is an absurdity too embarrassing to speak about, for it flies in the face of all those claims we have been told are facts. Hope is the refusal to accept the reading of reality which is the majority opinion; and one does that only at great political and existential risk. On the other hand, hope is subversive, for it limits the grandiose pretension of the present, daring to announce that the present to which we have all made commitments is now called into question.”

Walter Brueggemann, The Prophetic Imagination

Pastor Scott Marsh

Michele Broughman
Administrative Assistant
Office Hours: M-Thur. 9am-3pm

Cindy Garn
Music Ministry

Cheyenne Jonas & Rasha Nasser
Nursery Care

Services

9:00 Traditional Service
9:15 Children’s Sunday school
(During the 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>

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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* *“Savior of the Nations, Come”*
Music: Enchiridion Oder Handbüchlein (1524)
Harm. J. S. Bach
Source: United Methodist Hymnal
“A Community in Christ”
- *Gathering Song*
- *Welcome & Announcements*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ **
- *Threshold Moment*
- *Calls to worship - Cloth for the Cradle By Wild Goose Worship*
- *Opening Hymn** *UMH # 730* *“O Day of God, Draw Nigh”*
- *Advent wreath lighting* *‘Hope’* *The Mindy Smith Family*
- *Scripture* *Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44*
- *Scripture Reading Response* *UMH # 71* *“Glory Be to the Father”*
- *Children’s Moment* *Meagan Marsh*
- *Message* *Pastor Scott Marsh* *“Fear and Hope”*
- *Responsive Hymn* *UHM # 206* *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*
- *Offering/Tithes* *Chancel Choir* *“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”*
- *Doxology* *UMH # 94* *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *Lord’s Prayers*
- *Closing Hymn ** *UMH # 196* *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*
- *Benediction **
- *Benediction Response ** *UMH # 202* *“People, Look East” (Vs.1)*
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude* *“People, Look East”*
Music: Traditional French carol
Source: United Methodist Hymnal

**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 ** W&S # 3042 "Shout to the North"
W&S # 3046 "Come, O Redeemer, Come"
- *Advent wreath lighting* 'Hope'
- *Scripture* Isaiah 2:1-5: Matthew 24:36-44
- *Scripture Reading Response* W&S # 3009 "Praise God for This Holy Ground" (Vs. 2)
- *Children's Moment*
- *Message* Pastor Scott Marsh "Fear and Hope"
- *Responsive Hymn* UMH # 206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
- *Offering/Tithes*
- *Doxology* TFWS # 2036 "Give Thanks"
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *The Lord's Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn ** W&S # 3130 "Come, Emmanuel"
- *Benediction*
- *Benediction Response ** W&S # 3130 "Come, Emmanuel" (Vs. 4 only)
- *Carrying out the Light **

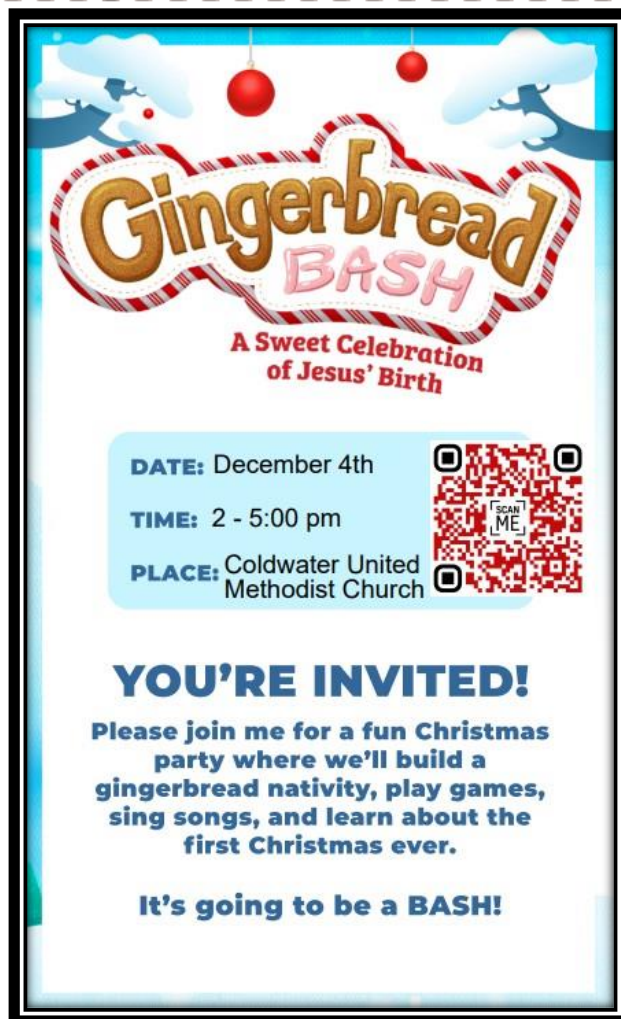
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Announcements

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.

First UMC of Bronson would like to cordially invite you to our ladies night "Advent by Candlelight" which will be held on Thursday, December 1 starting at 6 pm. Our evening will begin with refreshments and conversation. Special guest speaker will be Rev. Mona Joslyn and musical guests will be Robin Kubasiak and Shelby Wagner. If you would like to make a reservation for a table for your group or single person, please call the church office at 517-369-6555 and leave a message. Faith Ludwick and the First UMC of Bronson

The United Methodist Women are having a Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00 A.M. Everyone is invited to attend. Adults, children, families...



The poster features a festive design with a blue sky, white clouds, and red Christmas ornaments. The title "Gingerbread BASH" is written in a large, stylized font with a red and white striped border. Below the title, it says "A Sweet Celebration of Jesus' Birth". The event details are listed in a light blue box: DATE: December 4th, TIME: 2 - 5:00 pm, and PLACE: Coldwater United Methodist Church. A QR code is provided for more information. The text "YOU'RE INVITED!" is in large blue letters, followed by a paragraph inviting people to a fun Christmas party where they will build a gingerbread nativity, play games, sing songs, and learn about the first Christmas ever. The poster ends with the phrase "It's going to be a BASH!"

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PLACE: Coldwater United Methodist Church

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Announcements

The Presbyterian Christmas Tea will be held on Saturday, December 10th at 1:30 P.M. Reservations must be in by December 1st. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board outside of Friend's Place. There is a maximum of 10 people from our church that can attend.

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**On our next Youth Collective lock-in is scheduled for December 10 – 11<sup>th</sup> at Concord UMC.** Join 5 different area UMC Youth Groups for a time of fellowship and fun. Our theme is "Grace is a Gift" contact Pastor Scott if you are interest.

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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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Rehearsals for Chancel Choir are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8: 15 pm. (Cantata practice will be 7:15-8:15 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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The Christmas offering will be going to Coach Eby Youth and Family Center, Inc. and to Tommy's House.

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**Our Christmas services are as follows:**

- ~ **December 18 at 4:00 pm—Blue Christmas.** This service is for those who have experienced a loss of a loved one and the holidays can be difficult without them. Join us for this special service.
  - ~ **December 24 at 5:00 pm—Family Christmas Eve Service**
  - ~ **December 24 at 11:00 pm—Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**
  - ~ **December 25 at 10:00 am—Christmas Day Service.** Just one service at 10 am.
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## Worship Assistants

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|                       | 27-Nov             | 4-Dec              | 11-Dec                                 | 18-Dec             |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                       |                    |                    | ONE SERVICE - CANTATA &<br>CHARGE CONF |                    |
| Liturgist 9:00 am     | Karen Eyster       | Diane Godfrey      | Diane Godfrey                          | Kendra Shook       |
| Liturgist 10:30 am    | Karen Eyster       | Chuck Lillis       |                                        | Kendra Shook       |
| Usher 1 - 9:00 am     |                    |                    | Curt Proctor                           |                    |
| Usher 2 - 9:00 am     |                    |                    |                                        |                    |
| Usher 1 - 10:30 am    |                    |                    |                                        |                    |
| Usher 2 - 10:30 am    |                    |                    |                                        |                    |
| Teller 1              | Dot Young          | Grace Parshall     | Sheila Walrack                         | Cheryl Robison     |
| Teller 2              | Judy Elliott       | Terry Stewart      | Dot Young                              | Ann Boltz          |
| Teller 3              | Ann Boltz          | Shirley Easterday  | Jill Avery                             | Sherry Dart        |
| Coffee Set up 1       |                    | Cheryl Robison     | Tom Shenefield                         |                    |
| Coffee Set up 2       |                    | Dottie Young       | Sharon Shenefield                      |                    |
| Fellowship Clean Up 1 |                    | Linda Luce         | Tom Shenefield                         | Rick Furney        |
| Fellowship Clean Up 2 |                    |                    | Sharon Shenefield                      | Pat Furney         |
| Pulpit 9:00 am        | Pastor Scott Marsh | Pastor Scott Marsh | Pastor Scott Marsh                     | Pastor Scott Marsh |
| Pulpit 10:30 am       | Pastor Scott Marsh | Pastor Scott Marsh | Pastor Scott Marsh                     | Pastor Scott Marsh |

## Giving & Attendance

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| <b>Nov 20</b> | \$4,065.00 |    | (\$4,800.00 Needed for weekly for our Operating Budget) |
| <b>Nov 20</b> | 10:00 am   | 81 |                                                         |
|               | Online     | 85 |                                                         |

**Special giving Sunday** ~ **United Methodist Student Day**—Nov 27, 2022

**Thanksgiving offering** will go to The Branch Area Food Pantry

**Christmas offering** will go to Coach Eby Youth and Family Center, Inc. and to Tommy's House

## Flowers

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Celebrating 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
~ Lloyd and Sheila Walrack

In Memory of Harry Luce  
~ Linda Luce

## Mary & Martha Diner

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17-Nov Thanksgiving Dinner  
24-Nov CLOSED

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## Calendar

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### **Sunday, November 27—Pastor Scott Marsh**

9:00 am *Classic Service*

9:15 am *Children's Church*

10:30 am *Casual Service*

### **Monday, November 28**

12:30 pm *Prayer Group*

### **Tuesday, November 29**

### **Wednesday, November 30—Bulletin Deadline**

6:00 pm *Education Committee Mtg*

6:30 pm *Choir Rehearsal*

### **Thursday, December 1**

7:00 am *Rotary*

4:00 pm *M&M Diner*

### **Friday, December 2—Offices are closed**

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

6:00 pm *Kids Safe Space*

### **Saturday, December 3**

10:00 am *Christmas Brunch w/UWF*

10:00 am *Worship Team Meeting*

### **Sunday, December 4—Pastor Scott Marsh**

#### **Communion**

9:00 am *Classic Service*

9:15 pm *Children's Sunday School*

10:30 am *Casual Service*

## Calendar beyond this week

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**December 11 – ONE Service 10 am**

*Christmas Music Special*

*Charge Conference 2:30pm*

**December 18 – Blue Christmas at 4 pm**

## Prayer List

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Annette

Rich & Jan Johnson

Pam Jones

Carrie Lintner

Cathy Marbaugh

Cindy Paul

Barb Pluister

Bob Pluister

Ruthie Richards

David & Carol Hindenach

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*

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