

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

**Coldwater United Methodist Church**

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



**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Centering Thought*

*"World" in Greek, and in John's Gospel, is kosmos, a word that connotes both "beauty" and "order."...The "world," or creation, that God loves to the point of self-giving incarnation is one of cosmic "beauty" and "order." To overlook this is to shrink the meaning of "For God so loved the kosmos..." and miss the cosmic wonder that belongs to the moral life and shapes it." - Bible and Ethics in the Christian Life by Bruce Birch*

**PASTOR SCOTT MARSH**

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

**Michele Broughman** ~ *Administrative Assistant*

**Cindy Garn** ~ *Music Ministry*

**Tony Garn** ~ *Multimedia coordinator*

**Anna-Marie Vorce** ~ *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 on 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.

- *Prelude*
- *Welcome*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ \**
- *Call to Worship*  
*Leader: Coldwater UMC strives to be a safe harbor for all.*
- ***All: As we grow in Christ and respond to the Spirit with childlike curiosity.***
- *Opening Hymn\**          *UMH # 121*          *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*  
*(to the tune of "Jesus Calls Us")*
- *Scripture*          *John 3:16, Proverbs 3:5-8*
- *Scripture Reading Response*          *UMH # 71*          *"Glory Be to the Father"*
- *Children's Moment / Blessing of Shawls*
- *Sermon*          *Pastor Scott Marsh*          *"What is God's Manna and Mercy?"*
- *Responsive Hymn*          *UMH # 700*          *"Abide With Me" (Vs.1,3,4)*
- *Offering/Tithes*
- *Doxology*          *UMH # 94*          *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *Lord's Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn \**          *UMH # 340*          *"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"*
- *Announcements*
- *Benediction \**
- *Benediction Response \**          *TFWS # 2280*          *"The Lord Bless and Keep You"*
- *Carrying out the Light \**
- *Postlude*

*\*Stand as able*



## **Announcements**

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**Backpack Buddies**—Cindy Stephens is collecting your plastic Meijer/Walmart bags TODAY.

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**OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL Launch is TODAY** August 27th. We are kicking off our Children's Sunday school and having a Blessing of the Backpacks.

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**Save the Date! September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm ~ Upcoming Widow - Widower's Dinner** in Fellowship Hall. The UM Men are looking forward to our annual dinner for our special guests. All Widows and Widowers are invited. Please contact the office at your earliest convenience if you would like to attend. Our meal will consist of Ham, veggies, mashed potatoes, and dessert.

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**Knits Wits will begin meeting in September.** They need baby blankets and people who are willing to knit or crochet. Contact Nora Meredith for more information.

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**SAVE THE DATE** - Wednesday, September 20th at 6pm. **EVENT** - Music Appreciation Dinner  
**LOCATION** - Coldwater UMC Fellowship Hall **DESCRIPTION** - Back by popular demand, we will be having our annual Music Appreciation Dinner. The meal will be provided by our fantastic United Methodist Men. This is our "official" start for the Chancel Choir, Cantata Choir, Praise Team and.....Handbells! All past, present, and potential new participants are very welcome. Please come if you have an interest in participating in any or all of these groups - no audition required! There will be a sign-up sheet for this event (on the board outside of Friend's Room) so our wonderful gentlemen can plan the dinner. Sign up soon - and bring a friend!

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**EVERYONE IS INVITED!** United women of faith(formerly UMW) are hosting a brunch Saturday September 23 at 10 am. Following the meal our guest speaker will be Vladislav Sheshenia. Vlad escaped, with his wife and children, from the Ukraine. It's a powerful story of faith and hope. Please join us! Signup to help us plan. (This is church wide not just the women).

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**Sunday, September 24th will be a One Service Sunday (10AM).** Not only is it the start of our stewardship campaign, but we also have a phenomenal group of artists - Bel Canto - returning to sing for us and participate in our worship. Please make note of the date, as Bel Canto is a wonderful and marvelous group, and we appreciate them sharing their gift of music with us.

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## **Announcements**

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**Are you interested in becoming a member of the UMC?** Do you have questions about UMC Doctrine or want to know more about your church? Join Pastor Scott this Fall for three membership classes discussing UMC History, Doctrine/Sacrament, and UMC Polity. Contact Pastor Scott or the Church office for more information.

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**Currently we are planning the Annual Mission Auction** with a delicious Bake Potato Bar after second service October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to donate an item to be live auctioned or put on our silent table, please let one of the team members or the office know. We welcome everyone to this fun event.

We have themed baskets (Chocolate, Book Readers, Beach) being prepared as well as Cork's Swiss Steak dinner. Also, the Trine University sports package and famous baked goods from Jayne Lillis and a "pontoon rental for a day" from Coldwater Lake Marina. Pastor's wallet and gift certificates as well as an end table. Your Mission Team; Sheila Walrack, Terry Dobson, Sherry Dart, Ann Boltz, Bente Howe, Linda Luce

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**Like to cook?** We are in need of 2-3 people who'd like to make up a Rotary breakfast team. Per church guidelines, one must be a church member. Each team serves one Thursday monthly. Coldwater Township Sunrise Rotary meets at our church every Thursday morning at 7:00. If interested, talk to Tom or me, we are members of the kitchen crew as well as Rotarians. We'd be happy to answer your questions and help get you started. Blessings, Sharon Shenefield

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**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.

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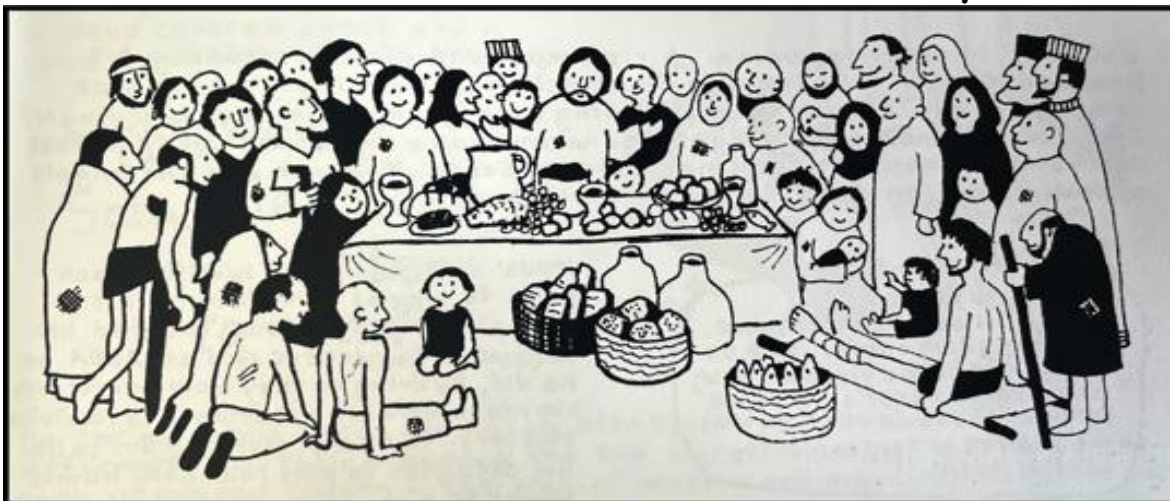
**Pastor Scott's office is open to walk-ins on Tuesday's from 9 am -12 pm.** No appt. needed.

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**UWF have now decided to make financial donations to Backpack Buddies** rather than the previous snacks and school supplies as we have been told this works well for them. Individuals can also donate directly: Make checks payable to Backpack Buddies then **mail or drop off to** BCCADSV, 220 North Michigan Avenue, Coldwater, MI

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**Abundant Manna and Abundant Mercy**



***Manna and Mercy Adult Bible Study***  
***Thursdays 4-5pm Beginning 09.07.23***

*“In all that he taught and in all he did, Jesus proclaimed the reign of God as a place of Abundant Manna and Abundant Mercy.”- Rev. Daniel Erlander. Sourced in the Lutheran Tradition, Rev. Daniel Erlander formed the Manna And Mercy Bible Study to point people to an overall view of Scripture that focuses participants on a life of abundance and invitation. Covering “high points” from Genesis to Revelation Manna and Mercy promotes Biblical literacy and discussion. Following the lead of our Martha and Mary Diner ministry this year long course will be held Thursdays from 4-5pm in the Library so we can break bread and study scripture together. Grab a plate, Bring your Bible and let the feast begin. Contact Pastor Scott ([pastorscottmarsh@gmail.com](mailto:pastorscottmarsh@gmail.com)) for more information and sign up in the Church Narthex. Weekly attendance is encouraged but not required, come as you can, invite as you feel led.*



## Announcements

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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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*Anna-marie is heading off to college. Today is her last day serving in the nursery. Please be sure to wish her well. Thank you, Anna!!!*

Come join us on a trip of a lifetime to the

**HOLY LAND.**

November 13-22, 2023

**WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS**

\$1000 available for three CUMC constituents.

For more information

Contact Nancy Davis (Memorial Committee) ph. 517-897-4591

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*As many of you are aware, our church has struggled to fill the needed staff for the nursery. We have had interest, and people have been hired, only to not show up or call in sick, or decide they do not want the position. It has been a frustrating cycle for those on SPRC. Our only staff person (Anna Marie) will be leaving to attend college. Today is her last day, which leaves us with no one staffing the nursery. We are required by law to have two people in the Nursery at all times. It is important that we continue to offer this service, especially as we attempt to get more young people in our midst. If any of you are interested in the position or **know of anyone** interested, please let someone on the SPRC committee know, or call the church office. It could be fun....easy way to make a little cash! Gail Widener and the SPRC committee*

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## Announcements

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### **Trunk or Treat Candy collection**

*We are anticipating a large turnout for the Trunk or Treat this year and need your help in collecting candy. Please put donated bags of Candy in the shopping cart in the Narthex and consider dressing up and giving out candy in the church parking lot on Oct 28th from 5-6:30 directly before the parade.*

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### **Stewardship**

*"No one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, 'The old is better.'" -Luke 5:37-39*

*As our annual stewardship campaign draws near (Sept 24 launch) we consider that which is new, unripe, and emerging and that which is old, ready for harvest, and complete. What new things excite you? Where is God moving to create something new and what has been ripened on the vine. Caring for all of this is the focus of our stewardship this year. Join us in supporting the new and celebrating the old.*

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## Worship Assistants

	27-Aug	3-Sep	10-Sep
		Communion	Guest
Liturgist 9:00 am	Karen Eyster	Ruth Proctor	Kendra Shook
Liturgist 10:30 am	Chuck Lillis	Lana Hunter	Kendra Shook
Combined Service 10 am			
Usher 1 - 9:00 am	Charlie Putnam	Karen Eyster	
Usher 2 - 9:00 am	Volunteer	Curt Proctor	
Usher 1 - 10:30 am	Volunteer		
Usher 2 - 10:30 am	Volunteer		
Teller 1	Julie Nelson	Grace Parshall	Sheila Walrack
Teller 2	Sheila Walrack	Terry Stewart	Julie Nelson
Teller 3	Judy Elliott	Shirley Easterday	Jill Avery
Coffee Set up 1	Eva Rice	Cheryl Robison	Tom Shenefield
Coffee Set up 2	Cindy Stevens & Bonnie Ewing	Dottie Young	Sharon Shenefield
Fellowship Clean Up 1	Eva Rice	Linda Luce	Tom Shenefield
Fellowship Clean Up 2	Cindy Stevens & Bonnie Ewing		Sharon Shenefield
Pulpit 9:00 am	Scott Marsh	Scott Marsh	Jarel Wilson
Pulpit 10:30 am	Scott Marsh	Scott Marsh	Jarel Wilson

## Giving & Attendance

<b>Aug 20</b>	\$2,962.00	<i>(\$5,000.00 Needed weekly for our Operating Budget) { \$260,000/52 weeks }</i>
<b>Aug 20</b>	9:00 am	62
	10:00 am	TBD
	Online	152

## Flowers

*Celebrating Birthdays for Heather Seifert and Ralph Greenamyre  
~ SueAnn Greenamyre*

## Mary & Martha Diner

<b>31-Aug</b>	<i>Ham &amp; Scalloped Potatoes</i>
<b>7-Sep</b>	<i>Chef's Choice</i>
<b>14-Sep</b>	<i>Goulash</i>
<b>21-Sep</b>	<i>Sloppy Joes</i>
<b>28-Sep</b>	<i>Beef &amp; Noodles</i>

## Calendar

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

Sunday School Kick off

9:00 am Classic Service

10:30 am Casual Service

### **Monday, August 28**

10:30 am Staff meeting

12:30 pm Prayer Group

### **Tuesday, August 29**

9:00 am Pastor's Office open hours

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

### **Thursday, August 31**

4:00 pm M&M Diner

### **Friday, September 1—Offices are closed**

### **Saturday, September 2**

10:00 am Worship Team Meeting

### **Sunday, September 3—Pastor Scott**

Communion

9:00 am Classic Service

10:30 am Contemporary Service

## Calendar beyond this week

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**Sept 4** Church Offices are closed for Labor Day

**Sept 24** **ONE SERVICE at 10 am**  
Stewardship Sunday & Bel Canto

## Prayer List

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Mel Boltz

Chris Boger

Emily Culver

Mike & Nancy Davis

Judah Fronczak

Deb & Johnny Green

Sam Greenberg

Tom Greenberg

David & Carol Hindenach

Jan Johnson

Joe and Family

Chuck Lillis

Cathy Marbaugh

Betty Meulhaus

Cindy Paul

Co-worker of Kathy Rockey

Barb Smith

Jeff Streets

Ashley Wilcox

Norma Yates

*\*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 Giving Sundays**

**Oct 1** World Communion Sunday

**Nov 26** UM Student Sunday



*Thank You!*

OUR CHURCH  
WOULDN'T BE THE  
SAME WITHOUT YOU.