

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**  
Coldwater United Methodist Church  
**Palm Sunday**



*Centering Thought*

*“Historians have noticed that what became the towns commons was often land that had been deeded to the church, and then these meetinghouse lots were transformed into shared public space...The meetinghouse lot extended the sacred into the streets, providing smooth access between the building where the holy word was preached and the world where faith would be practiced.” pg 241*

# WELCOME

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

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>

Access Code: YMDBXS

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**Coldwater, MI 49036**

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**Monday-Thursday 9 am – 3 pm**

***This is a gentle reminder to make certain that the doors are completely shut and locked behind you as you exit the building. Please do not attempt to utilize the door furthest from the fountain unless it's an emergency.***

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 – Combined Service

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- *Prelude* *“Hosanna to the King”*  
*Chancel Choir (with Congregation) (words on screen)*
- *Welcome*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ\**
- *Call to Worship (From ‘Flames of the Spirit’ by R. Duck)*
  - Leader:* *Lent calls us to journey along the edge, to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem.*
  - People:* ***Lent calls us to the cutting edge, when the wheat falls to the ground and new life comes forth; the cutting of new covenant.***
  - Leader:* *Lent calls us not only to give up something, but also to take upon ourselves as community the intention of true participation in the mystery of God with us.*
  - People:* ***Lent calls us to corporate penitence, accountability, and preparation.***
  - Leader:* *Lent calls us to concentrate upon our baptismal vocation to be a sign of the New Earth.*
  - People:* ***Lent calls us to face the darkness without holding a flashlight***
- *Opening Hymn\** *“The Palms” (words on the screen)*
- *Scripture* *Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-17*
- *Special Music* *Chancel Choir* *“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”*
- *Children’s Moment*
- *Message* *Pastor Scott Marsh* *“Spilling the Symbolic”*
- *Special Music* *Chancel Choir* *“All Hail Jesus! Behold the King”*
- *Offering/Tithes* *Chancel Choir* *“Were You There?”*
- *Doxology* *TFWS # 2036* *“Give Thanks”*
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer*
- *Special Music* *Chancel Choir (with congregation)* *“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”(screen)*
- *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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**TODAY, Sunday, April 13th**

➤ Welcome to worship on this Palm Sunday!

**Final Lenten Study: Grounded by Diana Butler Bass—Final Meeting date is:**

➤ Monday 2 pm – 3 pm      April 14

**Grief Support Group at Coldwater UMC** “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

➤ **Meeting dates:** Thursdays- April 17, 24

➤ **Time:**                      4:00-5:00 pm in the Coldwater UMC Library

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**Our Bishop David Bard once shared that "Holy Week is a good time to ask, where do you most need to experience the holy? Where do you need God's loving power and presence in your life or in your church? Where do you need the healing touch of the holy? Where does the fire of God's love need to burn more brightly for you and for your community of faith?" If you find yourself asking these questions these days, I invite you to our **Maundy Thursday Last Supper Remembrance on April 17th at 6 pm.** This evening service will walk through the scripture of holy week and celebrate the holy sacrament of communion. Please eat supper beforehand and join us as we remember the final days of Christ's mortal life**

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## Announcements

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**Join us for an ecumenical Easter-egg hunt on April 19th from 9-12.** Partnering with St. Mark's Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, Coldwater Community Center and Coldwater UMC; our goal is to host a block wide Easter Egg Hunt for Children 12 and under. Egg hunts will be divided into categories by age (0-3, 4-8, 9-12) and given designated zones to search. We will have a DJ using a speaker system outside and tents with promotional materials from supporting organizations. There will be a booth to get pictures with an Easter Bunny. To foster the safety of this event and its participants we will be requesting to close down church street between Marshall St. and N Hudson St. during the event (9am-12p). We plan to offer nonalcoholic prepackaged refreshments at the event. Event participation is free.

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**Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7 am – 7:45 am we will meet in the Band Stand Pavilion at Oak Grove Cemetery (north side of US 12) for our Sunrise Service.** Please see Pastor Scott, Diane Godfrey, or Tony & Cindy Garn with questions or more details.

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**This year, our Easter Offering will go toward Jacob's Well Ministries at Hope Church.** This is a mission rooted in compassion and service, offering a helping hand to those seeking assistance and guidance. The ministry strives to make a positive impact on the lives of those it serves.

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**The next Endowment meeting is on April 24. Please submit any requests by Monday, April 21.**

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**In 1958 a 126-year collection of stories, records and history was compiled for the First Methodist Church in Coldwater MI (see the Narthex for a copy of this).** In seven years on June 19th, 2032, we will be celebrating 200 years of ministry in Coldwater. With this in mind our church is interested in collecting stories from members, sorting and digitizing basement files, and compiling another historical book to be printed at our 200th anniversary. Do you have a love of local history, or a knack for journalism? Contact Pastor Scott with interest.

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**Our church would like to continue its long-standing tradition of serving dinner to the Tibbits**

- **Summer Theatre cast and crew this summer.** The dinners range from 15-35 people, 4 times during the summer depending upon the show. The meals are prepared at the church and served at the Tibbits. Meal dates are June 19, July 3, July 17, and July 31 from 5-6:30 p.m. If a small group or committee within the church is interested in preparing and serving one or more meals this summer, contact Diane Godfrey.

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If you have your picture in the church directory, please pick up your directory. See the church office if you have questions.

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## ***This week***

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### **Sunday, Apr 13— Pastor Scott Marsh**

*Cantata / Palm Sunday*

10:00 am *Service*

10:15 am *Children's Sunday school*

11:00 am *Coffee hour*

11:15 am *Handbell rehearsal*

### **Monday, Apr 14**

10:30 am *Staff meeting*

11:30 am *Library reserved*

2:00 pm *Lenten Study*

6:00 pm *Fellowship Hall reserved*

6:30 pm *Trustees Meeting*

### **Tuesday, April 15**

9:00 am *Pastor's office hours*

### **Wednesday, April 16—Bulletin Deadline**

6:00 pm *Choir Practice*

### **Thursday, April 17—Maundy Thursday**

7:00 am *Rotary*

10:00 am *Nora's Knitters*

4:00 pm *M&M Diner*

4:00 pm *Grief Group*

7:00 pm *Maundy Thursday Dinner*

### **Friday, April 18—Offices are closed**

#### **Good Friday**

12:00 pm *Good Friday Ecumenical  
Service at First Presbyterian*

### **Saturday, April 19**

**9 am – 12 noon EASTER EGG HUNT**

### **Sunday, April 20— Pastor Scott Marsh**

*Easter Sunday*

7:00 am *Sunrise service at  
Oak Grove cemetery*

8:00 am *Breakfast*

10:00 am *Service*

11:00 am *Coffee hour*

11:15 am *Handbell rehearsal*

2:30 pm *Pastor at Laurels*

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

***Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6  
pm – 6:40 pm.***

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

***Pastor Scott is now leading monthly worship  
service at:***

- *Lakehouse assisted living (first Sun at 1 pm)*
- *Drews place (first Tues at 2pm)*
- *Laurels (third Sun at 2:30 pm)*

***He is also assisting with Forgotten Man Jail  
Ministries, evenings the first Tuesday of each  
month.***

***If you'd like to assist in serving communion or  
share in these ministries contact Pastor or the  
church office.***

## ***Calendar beyond this week***

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**Apr 13** *Cantata Sunday/Palm Sunday*

**Apr 18** *Good Friday service at  
First Presbyterian Church 12 noon*

**Apr 19** *Easter egg hunt 9am-12pm*

**Apr 20** *Easter Sunday services  
7 am, 8 am breakfast, 10 am*

## Prayer List

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Pam  
Kathryn Adamonis  
Kellie Arnett  
Chris Boger  
Carl Chatfield Jr.  
Joyce DePue (grandmother of Brandi K)  
Mary Everline  
Judah Fronczak  
Terry Fuller  
Deb & Johnny Green  
Sue Heiliger  
David & Carol Hindenach  
Barb Johnson  
Jan Johnson  
Linda  
Betty Little  
Nancy Mahle  
Cathy Marbaugh (Sister of Kelly M)  
Mike Morrissey  
Cindy Paul  
Ruth Ann Pelmear  
Jordyn Reed (5 year old)  
Ruthie Richards  
Cheryl Robison  
Charles Shelhart  
Sandra Smith (surgery on 1-20)  
John Snively  
Stephanie <sup>(1/6)</sup>  
Jaiden Stierle  
Ashley Wilcox  
Norma Yates

*\*Family of Louie (Shenefield) Gilbert*

*\*Family of Richard Temples*

*\*Our leaders, our nation, our world, the leaders within our church, committee meetings, and groups that gather*

## 2025 Special Giving Sundays

**May 4** Native American Ministries Sunday

**Jun 15** Peace with Justice Sunday

**Oct 5** World Communion Sunday

**NEW:** *If you would like one or two words to be added next to the name, please let the office know.*

*(For example: John Smith – medical OR John Smith – broken leg)*

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*Please submit your Prayer requests 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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### **PASTOR SCOTT MARSH**

**Pastor's open office hours: Tues. 9am-12pm**

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

**Michele Broughman ~ Administrative Assistant**

**Cindy Garn ~ Music Ministry**

**Tony Garn ~ Multimedia coordinator**

**Bianca Hubbard ~ Nursery Care**

**Chanda Hoyt ~ Nursery Care**

### **CHURCH SERVICE TIME**

**(Childcare available 9:00 am – 11:30 am)**

**10:00 am**

**Worship**

**11:00 am**

**Coffee hour**