

Sunday, March 2, 2025
Coldwater United Methodist Church
Transfiguration Sunday



Centering Thought

Ministry is the day-to-day human work of bringing more and more of our life under the joy and purpose and power of God. It is not an extra or an add-on. It is not an elective for the second Saturday of the Spring term, but it is a way of living that lets the transformative power of God operate for the sake of human dignity, social justice, healed creation, for the world beloved of God.

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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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

- *Prelude* *“We Utter Our Cry”*
Music: Paderborn Gesangbuch (1765)
Source: United Methodist Hymnal
- *Welcome*
- *Call to Worship (from Bread for the Journey)*
 - Leader: Come gather together like those who sat at Jesus’ feet so many years ago.*
 - People: **We gather with joy, for we too want to be disciples of Christ.***
 - Leader: I tell you, Christ is here with us, calling us now to life and love.*
 - People: **Let us praise God for bringing us together, and coming to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.***
- *Opening Hymns** *UMH # 131* *“We Gather Together”*
TFWS # 2236 *“Gather Us In”*
- *Scripture* *Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 9:28-36*
- *Scripture Reading Response UMH # 71* *“Glory Be to the Father”*
- *Children’s Moment*
- *Message - Pastor Scott Marsh -"Orthopraxy and Orthodoxy; Right Practice and Right Belief"*
- *Responsive Hymn* *UMH # 439* *“We Utter Our Cry” (vs 1,2,5,6)*
- *Offering/Tithes* *Chancel Choir* *“Be Thou My Vision”*
- *Doxology* *UMH # 94* *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”*
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *Invitation, Confession, and Pardon*
- *Passing the Peace of Christ**
- *The Great Thanksgiving*
- *The Lord’s Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn** *W&S # 3154* *“Draw the Circle Wide”*
- *Announcements*
- *Benediction **
- *Benediction Response ** *W&S # 3117* *“Rule of Life”*
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude*

**Stand as able*

Announcements

TODAY, Sunday, March 2nd

- Welcome to worship
- Today we take communion in remembrance of Jesus' death on the cross

Ash Wednesday Service Offerings—Continuing this year with two opportunities to receive Ashes on Wednesday March 5th.

- Drive through Ashes will be available under the portico from 7-9 am for a quick prayer and remembrance,
- OR a shared ecumenical service on the lunch hour from 12-1p. Ecumenical partners include 1st Presbyterian, Union City and Tekonsha United Church of Christ, and Quincy/Concord and Girard UMC's. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Please join All God's Children March 9th

- after the worship service for a soup and salad fundraiser to raise money to send high schoolers to camp. We will have a few different soups and salads and light desserts, for a donation. So, we can get a head count, please sign up outside Friend's Place. We will offer a "to go" option if you are unable to join dining in.

Lenten Study Announced: Grounded by Diana Butler Bass—Grounded is an "attentiveness to the question, "Where is God?" taking us on a journey into the spiritual geography of our own lives and finding God in nature and neighbor. An original eco-spirituality with a call toward caring for both the earth and the commons. Books, study guides, and daily devotionals are free. Contact Pastor Scott with interest or sign up at the Narthex sign up board.

Meetings dates are:

- Sundays 9 am – 9:45 am March 9, 16, (23-no class), 30, April 6, 13
- Mondays 2 pm – 3 pm March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14

Lent is a season of reflection, denying oneself for spiritual gain, or taking on habits that will bear good fruit. In such a time we need fresh challenges and encouragement to aid in our efforts. In this spirit and with an eye towards connectional ministry Pastor Scott will be participating in a pulpit swap on March 23rd with Rev. Rachel Labram. Pastor Scott will preach at Quincy and Concord UMC's on the 23rd and Rev. Rachel will preach at Coldwater, each returning to their pulpits the following week. We welcome the talented preacher and look forward to her good word in this season of Lent

WANTED Plastic eggs and Candy donations, as well as volunteers to fill the eggs for our Ecumenical Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring your donations to the church office by April 1st. Got some spare time to spread some joy? Help us prepare for our 1st annual Ecumenical Easter Egg Hunt by filling eggs with candy. What a joy it will be to see our church grounds hosting the community's children.

Announcements

Let's shower a church member in get well cards. Send your love and support to Nancy Mahle as she awaits a liver transplant. **You can mail cards to:**

Nancy Mahle
Corewell Health
3601 W 13 mile Rd.
Royal Oak, MI 48073

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 are for anywhere 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.

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

- **Meeting dates:** Thursdays- April 3, 10, 17, 24
- **Time:** 4:00-5:00 pm
- **Where:** Coldwater UMC Library

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.

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? Would you like to help us this effort? Contact Pastor Scott with interest.

This week

Sunday, Mar 2—Pastor Scott Marsh

Communion

10:00 am Service

11:00 am Coffee hour

11:15 am Handbell rehearsal

Monday, Mar 3

10:30 am Staff meeting

5:00 pm Care & Outreach meeting

6:30 pm All God's Children meeting

Tuesday, Mar 4

9:00 am Pastor's office hours

2:00 pm Pastor at Drew's Place

Wednesday, Mar 5—Bulletin Deadline

7:00 am Drive-thru Ashes

12:00 pm Ecumenical Service

6:00 pm Choir Practice

6:45 pm Cantata Practice

Thursday, Mar 6

7:00 am Rotary

10:00 am Nora's Knitters

4:00 pm M&M Diner

Friday, Mar 7—Offices are closed

Saturday, Mar 8—Daylight Savings

TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD BEFORE BED

Sunday, Mar 9—Pastor Scott Marsh

10:00 am Service

10:15 am Children's Sunday school

11:00 am AGC soup/salad fundraiser

11:15 am Handbell rehearsal

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

Mar 5 Ash Wednesday

Mar 9 AGC Soup/Salad fundraiser

2025 Special Giving Sundays

Mar 30 UMCOR Sunday

May UM Student Day

May 4 Native American Ministries Sunday

Jun 15 Peace with Justice Sunday

Oct 5 World Communion Sunday

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

Prayer List

Annette (sister of Gail Widener)
Pam
Kathryn Adamonis
Kellie Arnett
Chris Boger
Carl Chatfield Jr.
Emily Culver
Joyce DePue (grandmother of Brandi K)
Mary Everline
Judah Fronczak
Terry Fuller
Louie (Shenefield) Gilbert
Deb & Johnny Green
Sue Heiliger
David & Carol Hindenach
Barb Johnson
Jan Johnson
Linda
Chuck Lillis
Nancy Mahle
Cathy Marbaugh (Sister of Kelly M)
Mike Morrissey
Cindy Paul
Richard
Ruth Ann Pelmear
Ruthie Richards
Cheryl Robison
Charles Shelhart
Sandra Smith (surgery on 1-20)
John Snively
Stephanie ^(1/6)
Jaiden Stierle
Ashley Wilcox
Norma Yates

**Prayers for the family of Donna Hunter
(Mother of Greg Bright)*

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

***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)***

*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.*
