



Sunday, December 18, 2022

So, we must fix our vision not merely on the negative expulsion of war, but upon the positive affirmation of peace. **We must see that peace represents a sweeter music, a cosmic melody that is far superior to the discords of war.** Somehow, we must transform the dynamics of the world power struggle from the negative nuclear arms race which no one can win to a positive contest to harness man's creative genius for the purpose of making peace and prosperity a reality for all of the nations of the world. In short, **we must shift the arms race into a "peace race"**. If we have the will and determination to mount such a peace offensive, we will unlock hitherto tightly sealed doors of hope and transform our imminent cosmic elegy into a psalm of creative fulfillment." - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 1964 Nobel Peace Prize Lecture

Coldwater United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 (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* *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”/*
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Music: French carol melody (PICARDY);
15th century French tune (VENI EMMANUEL)
Arr. By C. Garn
“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 # 215* *“To a Maid Engaged to Joseph” Vs.1,2,3,5,6*
- *Advent wreath lighting* *‘Peace’* *The Alyssa Miller Family*
- *Advent Wreath Response* *“The Candle of Peace”*
- *Scripture* *Matthew 1:18-25, Isaiah 7:10-16*
- *Scripture Reading Response* *UMH # 71* *“Glory Be to the Father”*
- *Children’s Moment* *Meagan Marsh*
- *Message* *Pastor Scott Marsh* *“Sweeter Peace”*
- *Responsive Hymn* *UHM # 216* *“Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming”*
- *Offering/Tithes* *Chancel Choir* *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*
- *Doxology* *UMH # 94* *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *Lord’s Prayers*
- *Closing Hymn ** *UMH # 210* *“Toda la Tierra” (All Earth is Waiting) Vs.1,2,3*
- *Benediction **
- *Benediction Response ** *UMH # 202* *“People, Look East” (Vs.4)*
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude* *“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”*
Music: Philipp Nicolai (1599);
harm. By J.S. Bach (1731)
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 ** *UMH # 215* *“To a Maid Engaged to Joseph” Vs. 1,2,3,5,6*
- *UMH # 210* *“Toda la Tierra” (All Earth is Waiting) Vs.1,2,3*
- *Advent wreath lighting* *‘Peace’*
- *Advent Wreath Response* *“The Candle of Peace”*
- *Scripture* *Matthew 1:18-25, Isaiah 7:10-16*
- *Scripture Reading Response* *W&S # 3009* *“Praise God for This Holy Ground” Vs. 2*
- *Children’s Moment*
- *Message* *Pastor Scott Marsh* *“Sweeter Peace”*
- *Responsive Hymn* *W&S # 3141* *“Holy Darkness”*
- *Offering/Tithes*
- *Doxology* *TFWS # 2036* *“Give Thanks”*
- *Offertory Prayer*
- *The Lord’s Prayer*
- *Closing Hymn ** *W&S # 3067* *“Welcome to Our World” Vs. 1,3,4,5*
- *Benediction*
- *Benediction Response ** *W&S # 3130* *“Come, Emmanuel” (Vs. 4 only)*
- *Carrying out the Light **
- *Postlude*

**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 Brueggemann. Look for it on the Coldwater UMC's Facebook page.

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.

Our Christmas services are as follows:

- ~ **TODAY 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.

Backpack Buddies are collecting non-perishables in individual sizes. They will be turned in Jan. 8th. 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

It's time for a Card Shower...Please send your cards to Rich and Jan Johnson. **Rich has been moved to a memory care unit. Jan has her own suite but is missing everyone as well as her church. Please address your envelopes directly to Jan Johnson at 741 Park East Blvd., Ste. 412, Lafayette, IN 47905**

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

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.

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

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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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Finance and Administrative Council Meetings have been cancelled for December. Our next meeting will be January 17, 2023 starting with Finance at 6:00 pm and Admin at 7:00 pm.

Poinsettias given by...

Bonnie Ewing In Memory of Richard Rice & Gary Stevens
Bonnie Ewing In Memory of Leal & Milton Hoyt, Harold & Ruth Ewing, Paxlea
Chloe & Hannah Garr In Memory of Marcia Garr
Cork & Carol Tinervia In Memory of Howard & Leona Taylor
Cork & Carol Tinervia In Memory of Joe & Catherine Tinervia
Dave & LeeAnne Nagle In Memory of Susan & Box Nagle
Dave & LeeAnne Nagle In Memory of Betty Ross
Dick & Bev Zeluff In Memory of Marcia Garr
Jack & Linda Lintner In Memory of our parents
John & John Rohloff In Memory of Harvey and Helen Basch
John & John Rohloff In Memory of Phillip & Anna Rohloff
Rebecca Pridgeon In Memory of Harriet Edberg



Worship Assistants

	18-Dec	18-Dec	24-Dec	24-Dec	25-Dec
		Blue Christmas 4 pm	5:00 PM	11:00 PM	Christmas Sunday
Liturgist 9:00 am	Kendra Shook				Tony Garn
Liturgist 10:30 am	Kendra Shook				Tony Garn
Usher 1 - 9:00 am	Jim McDaniels				
Usher 2 - 9:00 am	Gail Widener				
Usher 1 - 10:30 am					
Usher 2 - 10:30 am					
Teller 1	Cheryl Robison				Dot Young
Teller 2	Ann Boltz				Judy Elliott
Teller 3	Sherry Dart				Ann Boltz
Coffee Set up 1					Eva Rice
Coffee Set up 2					Cindy Stevens & Bonnie Ewing
Fellowship Clean Up 1	Rick Furney				Eva Rice
Fellowship Clean Up 2	Pat Furney				Cindy Stevens & Bonnie Ewing
Pulpit 9:00 am	Pastor Scott Marsh				Pastor Scott Marsh
Pulpit 10:30 am	Pastor Scott Marsh				Pastor Scott Marsh

Giving & Attendance

Dec 11 \$4,348.00 (\$4,800.00 Needed for weekly for our Operating Budget)

Dec 11 10:00 am 103

Online 186

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

Flowers

Altar flowers may be purchased for \$25

~ Please sign up outside of Friend's Place

Mary & Martha Diner

22-Dec Christmas Dinner

29-Dec Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Calendar

Sunday, December 18—Pastor Scott Marsh

9:00 am *Classic Service*

9:15 am *Children's Church*

Blood Pressure Checks

10:30 am *Casual Service*

4:00 pm *Blue Christmas*

Monday, December 19

11:00 am *Young MI Dances Mtg*

12:30 pm *Prayer Group*

6:30 pm *Care & Outreach*

Tuesday, December 20

6:00 pm *Faith & Food*

Wednesday, December 21—Bulletin Deadline

6:30 pm *Choir Rehearsal*

Thursday, December 22

7:00 am *Rotary*

4:00 pm *M&M Diner*

Friday, December 23—Offices are closed

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

6:00 pm *Kids Safe Space*

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm *Christmas Eve Family Service*

11:00 pm *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

Sunday, December 25—Pastor Scott Marsh

10:00 am *Christmas Service (combined)*

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Calendar beyond this week

**December 24 – Christmas Eve services
5pm & 11 pm**

Prayer List

Annette

Rich & Jan Johnson

Pam Jones

David & Carol Hindenach

Cathy Marbaugh

Heath Morrison

Cindy Paul

Barb Pluister

Bob Pluister

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*