

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Coldwater United Methodist Church

First Sunday in Lent



Centering Thought

The whole story of the Hebrew Bible is that of land, its abundance, and its fruitfulness, and how humans are disconnected from the land by sin or connected to it through acts of faith and justice." Grounded pg. 43

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.

Announcements

TODAY, Sunday, March 9th

- Welcome to worship
- **Children's Sunday school today**
- **Please join All God's Children TODAY**
 - 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. We will offer a "to go" option if you are unable to join dining in.

Lenten Study: 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.

Nancy Mahle is back home—She will continue to have travel expenses for medical care. If you would like to donate to a meal train or gas cards, please contact Larisa Vorce.

Announcements

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.

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 9—Pastor Scott Marsh

- 10:00 am Service
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday school
- 11:00 am AGC soup/salad fundraiser
- 11:30 am Handbell rehearsal

Monday, Mar 10

- 10:30 am Staff meeting
- 11:30 am Library Reserved
- 6:00 pm Fellowship hall reserved
- 6:30 pm Trustees meeting

Tuesday, Mar 11

- 9:00 am Pastor's office hours

Wednesday, Mar 12—Bulletin Deadline

- 6:00 pm Choir Practice
- 6:45 pm Cantata Practice

Thursday, Mar 13

- 7:00 am Rotary
- 10:00 am Nora's Knitters
- 4:00 pm M&M Diner

Friday, Mar 14—Offices are closed

Saturday, Mar 15

Sunday, Mar 16—Pastor Scott Marsh

- 10:00 am Service
- 11:00 am Coffee hour
- 11:15 am Handbell rehearsal
- 2:30 pm Pastor at the 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

- Arp 6** Handbell Sunday
- Apr 13** Cantata Sunday/Palm Sunday
- Apr 18** Good Friday service 12 noon
- Apr 19** Easter egg hunt 9am-12pm
- Apr 20** Easter Sunday services
7 am, 8 am breakfast, 10 am

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.
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

**Family of Betty Dearing*

**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.*
