



# December 2020 THE CHIMES



## *Pastor's Letter*

Greeting Caldwell Church family and friends,

Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy, as the threat of Co-vid is again on the rise. This year has really been different, causing us to be separated from family and friends. It is also affecting our Thanksgiving gatherings and places for the Christmas season. We need to remain hopeful that the Lord will see us through these troubling days; God has been faithful in the past and will be now. Be strong!

As December approaches, we will prepare for the holidays, by decorating our homes, and trying to keep the joy of Christmas in focus. The season of Advent begins Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> which means that we are four (4) Sundays from Christmas and celebrating Jesus' Birth. I am looking forward to celebrating our first Christmas season together; it is an exciting time. During the weeks of Advent before Christmas, the Church sanctuary will be decorated; our Advent wreath candles lit each week, helping us reflect upon God's promise to send the Savior, Christ the Lord. It is always a busy time, full of wonder, expectations, and hope. This year will seem different from past years because of the Co-vid virus; our gathering may be limited, but we can still focus on the coming of the Christ-child. I along with the Team leaders at church are doing our part to make sure that the sanctuary and building is sanitized. We are keeping two services: 8 a.m. and 10:30. We are working out details about Christmas Eve, possibly have two services, so to allow for social distancing; we would like to make in person worship possible and safe. We will continue to make the recorded devotion available each week on the Church's facebook page.

Look for an Advent schedule and devotional which are available and will be provided.

Let us live our lives in the hope of all God's blessing and promises in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

In Service to God and the Church  
**Pastor Jeff Coggins**  
Blessings, Pastor Jeff Coggins



*"To offer  
hope to our  
community  
and world  
through the  
Good  
News, and  
to make  
disciples of  
Jesus  
Christ"*

*based on  
Matthew  
28:19*

## A Thanksgiving Message from the Pastor

Our calendars tell us that it is time once again to offer Thanks to God, for all of life's rich blessings. It is usually a time that we would gather with family and friends to eat too much, gain a few pounds, to watch parades, football, nap and then eat some more. This year may be different for us; smaller family gathering, less invited guests and possible depressed and anxious. It is good to give thanks in these days; to have plenty; but we must also remember to share our blessings with those in need in ways we can. Phone a neighbor, or chat with them on line. Remember the first Thanksgiving was a group of pilgrims, far away from home; many hardships, and shared their experience with strangers; the Native Americans.

Thanksgiving is a time to pause for prayer and reflection, and give thanks. Psalms 100 says:

*"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness; come before*

*The LORD with joyful songs. <sup>3</sup> Know that The LORD is God. and has made us, and we are the*

*LORD's people. <sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of God's house with thanksgiving and come into the court yard with praise; give thanks to God and praise the Lord.*

*<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good; God's love endures; God's faithfulness continues through all generations."*

The Bible declares that thanksgiving is to be our response to God's goodness towards us; it needs to be a heart-felt attitude, not just a vocal statement, or an event to gather to eat.

Long before Thanksgiving Day became a tradition for our nation, Scripture, and the Spirit guided God's

people to give thanks. In America's history, we think of the Pilgrims in 1621 at Plymouth, and look at that first Thanksgiving shared with the small community, and their Native American guests of the Wamanong tribes who helped them through the first harsh winter, and help make the first year's harvest a success. Many other settlers also observed days of Thanksgiving, as God gave them blessings in the "new land."

During the time of the Revolutionary war, America celebrated eight special days of Thanksgiving for victories and protection in times of trouble. On November 26, 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation of a Day of thanks. For many years, America did not have a National Day of Thanksgiving, until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln, proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving. From 1621 to 1863, (242 years) Thanksgiving was not a nationally observed holiday.

Through times of trouble, devastating wars, and other difficulties, we learn to trust God, and give thanks for all the help and blessings given to us.

The days in which we are living, at times seem uncertain and challenging, but with God's blessing and thankful hearts, we will not lose hope, because the God in whom we trust is our Source of life. Be glad, and make this a true season of Thanksgiving.

Prayerfully with Thanksgiving Blessings!

Rev. Jeff Coggins, Pastor

Caldwell UMC



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A Big "Thank you" to all who contributed to the Christmas Shoe Box Mission.



### Christmas Gift Suggestions:

To your enemy - forgiveness.  
To an opponent - tolerance.  
To a friend - your heart.  
To a customer - service.  
To all - charity.  
To a child - a good example.  
To yourself - respect.

## Disaster Response

### This is Winter Safety Awareness Week

The East Ohio Disaster Response Committee wants to remind folks that the best way to respond to hazardous weather is advance preparation. As seasons change, this is a good time to do a few simple things that can make a big difference in coming months.



**Practice Fire Safety & Prevention:** People will be indoors now more than ever with the colder temperatures and the continuing pandemic. So take action now to protect your home and family by having working smoke detectors in the home, conducting fire drills, change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, have auxiliary heating sources serviced, and never leave cooking food unattended.

**Prepare Your Home's Exterior:** Remove and cut away low-hanging and dead tree branches to prevent them falling on your home and clean your gutters to prevent snow and ice buildup.

**Prepare Home & Vehicle Emergency Kits:** Winter emergency kits should include flashlights, batteries, blankets, coats, hats, gloves, a battery-operated radio/weather radio, first-aid kit, cell phone and charger, and enough nonperishable food and water to sustain every household member for several days.



### Pick up your angel on Sunday

It's that time of year again! The Angel Tree will be up on Nov. 29 ready for you to adopt your 'angel.' We have 30 children from 14 different families waiting to be blessed. The procedure hasn't changed: Take a tag and record your information on the sign-up sheet; buy a **\$25 GIFT**. **Be sure to keep the tag** and return it with your wrapped gift by **Sunday Dec.13**. The church is open on Tuesdays 9 – 3 and Thursdays 9 – 3 as well as Sunday mornings. There will be someone to assist you after each service. If you have questions call or text Micki 740 491 7924



### Caldwell UMC Youth Plan A "Socially Distanced Christmas"

Have you ever gone to one of the outdoor light shows that pop up around Christmas time? Have you ever wondered if this is something you could have in your own town? The youth group thought the same thing. 2020 would be the best time to have such a thing. Families can drive up to the church parking lot and watch the show from the comfort and safety of their own car. With the music streaming through their car radio instead of speakers blaring throughout the town. The youth plan on working on this the last week-end of November. With plans to have the show occur nightly up to and through Christmas. They were able to purchase the needed equipment from a grant received from the Southern Hills District of the UMC as a part of church outreach. What the grant doesn't cover the youth group plans to pay for. As part of a fundraiser for next year's Christmas and possibly this coming Easter the youth will be doing memory trees as part of the show. 16 live Christmas trees will be purchased from Hrinko tree farm. 12 of them are cut trees and 4 will still have the roots attached. The youth are asking for a minimum donation of \$30 each for a cut tree and \$50 each for the other trees with roots. Your donation will go towards next year's improvements and the youth will place a laminated sign of who your tree is in memory of at the base of the tree. The 4 trees that can be replanted the sponsor can have the tree after the show is done for the year to plant at their own home. If you would like to sponsor a memory tree please send your donation and name of family member/members to the church office. Please make checks out to the Caldwell UMC youth group with memory tree in the comments. Trees will be first come first served but if participation exceeds the number of trees more than one family may need to sponsor a tree. Stay tuned for further updates. As we plan on having special live skits/scripture reading throughout the Christmas season





**Summit Acres Nursing Home-** 44565 Sunset Rd., Caldwell, Oh 43724

Marie Buckey – Unit 1, Room 104

Richard Davis – Unit 2

Becky Stoffer-Unit 1, Room 123

**Senior Living**

Dolores Christopher – 7 Summit Court

Jim & Sue Garvin – Summit Court

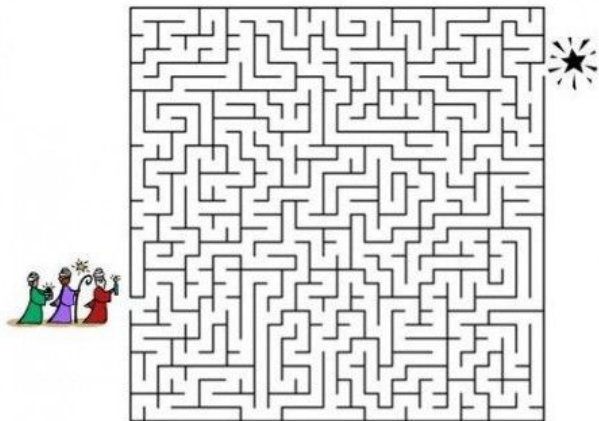
Frances Milligan – 20 Summit Court

**Out-of-town shut-in**

Nellie Poulton – Beckett House, 1280 Friendship Dr., New Concord, Oh 43762

**Christmas**

Help the 3 Wise Men get to  
the North Star!



12/01 Ashley Travis

12/02 Angela DeLancey

12/02 Roger Pickenpaugh

12/03 Jane Niswonger

12/03 Brody Farkas

12/06 William Merry

12/07 Kim Rucker

12/10 Wesley Feldner

12/10 Alle Moore

12/10 Joyce Young

12/11 Judy James

12/13 Makayla Feldner

12/13 Lindsay Smith

12/13 Blake Wilson

12/15 Lilly Feldner

12/16 Leslie Smith

12/19 Kayla Schoeppner

12/21 Patricia Clift

12/21 Chaz Pfeffer

12/22 Bonnie McAfee

12/22 Judy McMullen

12/24 Andrew Lowers

12/28 Joy Feldner

12/28 Mary Lou Griffin

12/29 Emma Carpenter

12/29 Ruth Dovenbarger



12/04 Bob & Linda Warrick

12/16 Joe & Nancy Clark

12/16 Stephon & Katelyn

Poulton

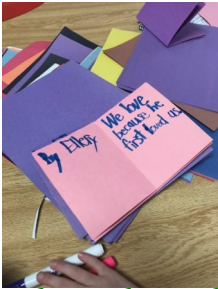
12/20 Walter & Joyce

Withers

12/22 Don & Micki Archer



Elery Spring and Lily Feldner



The Youth make Christmas Cards for  
Shut-In's.

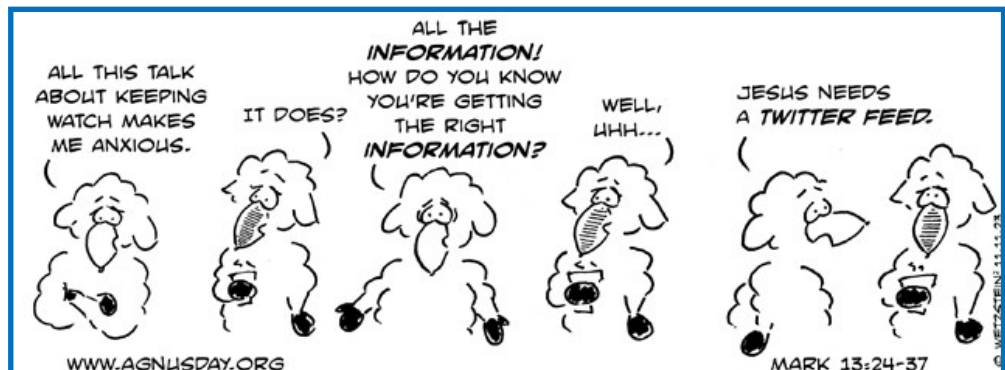
Thank you Youth!

### CONCERNS

**MARK GROVES—KAREN CLARK—LEDA GREEN—  
DENNIS VADINI—TERRY MILLER— GREG BROOKER—JANET MURREY—  
KATHLYN MAXWELL—COVID SUFFERERS  
ALL OF OUR SHUT-INS—  
PRISONERS & STAFF AT NCI**

*\*For additions or removals from the list please call the office\**

Names will be left on list for 4 weeks unless otherwise notified.



We will be continuing to share sermons on facebook (Caldwell UMC OH)

For those who do not have facebook you can still get the sermon videos at

<https://www.facebook.com/251166282066873/videos/2621753941414253/>

*Just highlight or copy the above and put in your search bar*



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worship!*



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## Because you gave...

	October		Y-T-D	Y-T-D
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund:	9,897.27	13,969.98	114,328.11	128,818.84
Interest from CDs, etc.	42.32		355.49	0.00
<b>Total GF</b>	<b>9,939.59</b>	<b>13,969.98</b>	114,683.60	128,818.84
Building Fund	120.00	0.00	1,585.00	0.00
Elevator Fund	1,058.60	0.00	6,219.60	156.82
Local Benevolent Giving	288.57	360.00	3,639.51	3,270.00
Joash	0.00	0.00	2,700.00	0.00
Joash BF Savings	0.00	0.00	10,260.00	0.00
Memorial Fund	0.00	0.00	10,260.00	6,799.04
Special Offerings	248.00	476.01	3,070.12	5,066.61
Stained Glass Windows	245.00	0.00	4,542.55	0.00
Youth Fund Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>1,960.17</b>	<b>836.01</b>	32,016.78	15,292.47
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,899.76</b>	<b>14,805.99</b>	<b>146,700.38</b>	<b>144,111.31</b>