

THE CHIMES

2023



Pastor's Letter

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

*based on
Matthew 28:19*

Last week in our weekly letter, I referred to the book by Charles Dickens: *A Tale of Two Cities*; the story takes place in 1775 during hard and desperate times in France and England. We may be familiar with a phrase from the book: The correct opening paragraph reads: *"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness."*; it goes on to say, *"It was a season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair...We were all going to Heaven, we were all going directly the other way- in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on it being received for good or for evil..."* This seems to be a timely statement. Again I encourage you to read the book; borrow it from the library, or watch a video based on the book [Turner Classic Movies has it on demand.] It will help you understand and get a feel for how desperate and uncertain life was in the time of The Wesley's and for the early Methodist movement in England, and can yet be even today.

Methodism in the beginning was not seen as a church; especially in England. John Wesley was an Anglican [Episcopalian], all his life. Methodist were seen as *"enthusiasts"*, those who got involved in people's lives; they started society and class meetings to help change and encourage people to live a Christian life, caring for those in need. They organized schools and orphanages, visited the sick and those in prison. In America, Methodism developed into a church. I think that most would agree that we, as a church today, should be in ministry to those who need to experience the love of God, and to know Jesus; people need to hear the Gospel message to understand there is hope. We need to reach into people's lives, to offer them hope, and to help them grow in grace, so to make disciples for Jesus Christ, helping people to live as God's people, and helping us to fulfill the work of our Wesleyan Methodist heritage.

Our denomination as well as others seem to be faced with conflicts in cultural standards and at times at impasses on Scriptural, doctrinal, and Christian practices which deal with life needs. In studying Methodist theology and practices, we find that it is focused on what is called *'The Wesleyan Quadrilateral: Scripture, Tradition, Experience, and Reason'*, forming a square. Some call it *a Tri-lateral*: Scripture central in a triangle with Tradi-

tion at the top. Experience and Reason forming the three sides. A Three legged stool is sometimes used as an example of what is needed to live a Christian life. [Have you seen an example at our church?]

The United Methodist Church as we know it today was formed in the 1970's with the mergers of many Methodist congregations (Meth. Episcopal & Meth. Protestant, and others) including Evangelical United Brethren Churches [the 'United' part of our name comes from the EUB's]; The United Methodist was born in a time of great social and spiritual change. There was social unrest, riots and protests in the streets across America; church attendance was decreasing; sex, drugs and rock and roll, seemed to rule the day. [Some probably lived through those days. I did!] But, what I know to be true is that God was at work in the midst of all this. From the time of our merger there have been struggles and arguments over issues of human sexuality, social issues and practices, disagreements on some Church teachings. But, remember that God is at work through all of our times of distress. We need to continue to seek God, take time pray and fast, so to listen to the Holy Spirit to strengthen and keep faith alive. Decisions made without praying are just our opinions; continue to pray for direction.

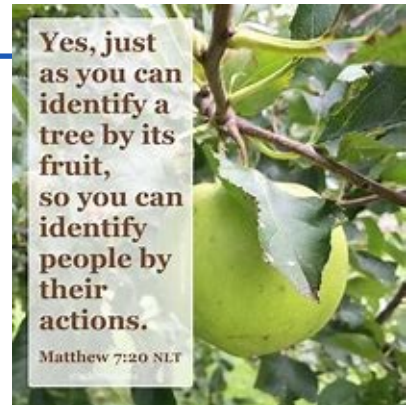
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We as Christians should not make enemies of those with whom we disagree or those who differ from us. We are to continue to love God with all our being, and love one another as Christ loves us. Loving others is not always and easy task. I, and the Church Leadership Team will be in further communication with you on these matters.

Blessings! The Peace of Christ be with you
Rev. Jeff Coggins, your Pastor

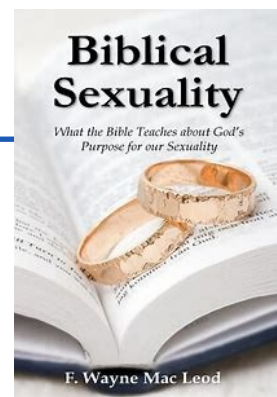
Sunday January 29, 2023– 8am

- ♦ Sunday Services on facebook page: Caldwell UMC Ohio. John Grabianowski-speaker
- This Sunday's sermon is based on Matthew 7:13-20 The Spiritual Gift of Discernment**
Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 26:1-4



Sunday January 29, 2023– 10:30am

- ♦ Sunday Services on facebook page: Caldwell UMC Ohio. Brad Peoples-speaker
- This Sunday's sermon is based on**
Old Testament Scripture:



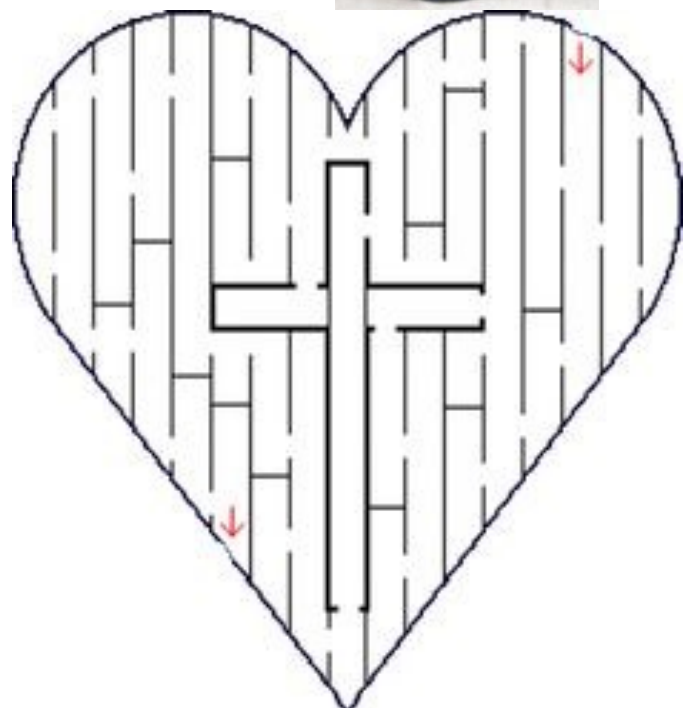
Yes, the way to identify a tree or a person is by the kind of fruit that is produced. — Matthew 7:20



Find these words from this week's lesson and Bible verse:

JESUS	IDENTIFY	KIND	MATTHEW
YES	TREE	FRUIT	GOD
WAY	PERSON	PRODUCED	BIBLE

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01/30 Olivia Piper
01/31 Brena Baker
01/31 Christopher Brooker
01/31 Sandee Stritz



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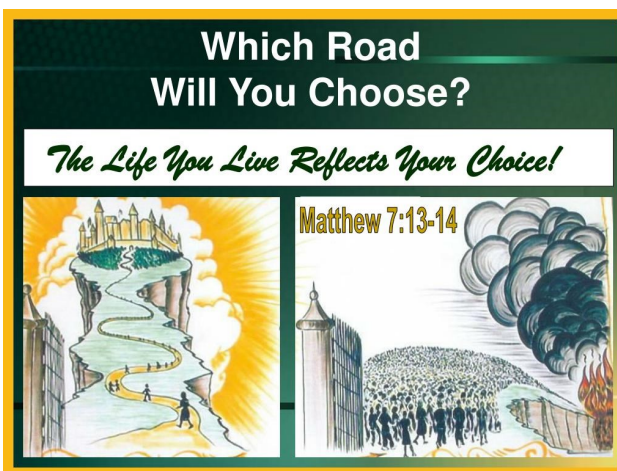
02/01 Tim Niswonger	02/15 Ramona Barnes
02/02 Connie Gallagher	02/15 Irene Clift
02/02 Dannee Sidwell	02/15 Konner Hummel
02/05 Eric McAfee	02/15 Karli Niswonger
02/06 Max Reed	02/16 Darcy Coggins
02/07 Gary Spring	02/16 Gab Parrish
02/07 Kristen Withers	02/18 Connie Hesson
02/10 Laurel Piper	02/20 Heather Fairchild
02/11 Jason Feldner	02/20 Sally Neff
02/12 Mikayla Lowers	02/20 Beverly Ralston
02/14 Jeff Coggins	



02/13 David & Lana Anderson
02/19 Larry & June Harless
02/22 Charles & Ruth Dovenbarger



Groundhog Day is on February 2 and we wait with bated (and ice-cold) breath to see whether or not winter will continue for another six weeks



If February give much snow,
A fine summer it doth foreshow.



Caldwell United Methodist Church
Sunday Services: Traditional @ 8AM
Blended @ 10/30 AM
Sunday School 9AM

Summit Acres Nursing Home

44565 Sunset Rd., Caldwell, Oh 43724 Senior Living

Leda Green

Rena Young—Apt 3
Charlotte Sutphin

Jim Garvin, Summit Court
Frances Milligan – 20 Summiit Court



Change Your Password Day – February 1, 2023

Most of our transactions occur online; thus, our personal and confidential information is liable to be hacked. This makes it important to keep our online data safe by changing our passwords. With the increase in online transactions and activities, hacking seems to be a booming business. This called for awareness about personal cybersecurity and the need to change one's password regularly.

There is a hacking attack every 39 seconds. 86% of online passwords are not secure. Being susceptible to getting hacked is making crime easier to commit. We reduce crime when we wise up and frustrate the efforts of unscrupulous hackers.

You can make use of password managers. These free and secure apps help generate your passwords whenever you need them. Change your passwords regularly. Use the Two Factor Authentication, where possible. Ensure you use passwords with different symbol combinations.



National Bird Feeding Month

The birds have it tough in winter. They have families to feed and the natural resources to do so aren't as plentiful as at other times of the year. During this month, individuals are encouraged to provide food, water, and shelter to help wild birds survive. This assistance benefits the environment by supplementing the wild bird's natural diet of weed seeds and insects."

One-third of the U.S. adult population feeds wild birds in their backyards. Feeding birds in your backyard is entertaining, educational, and an inexpensive pastime that can be enjoyed by children and adults.



American Heart Month – February 2023

Every year more than 600,000 Americans die from heart disease. The number one cause of deaths for most groups, heart disease affects all ages, genders, and ethnicities. Risk factors include high cholesterol, high blood pressure, smoking, diabetes, and excessive alcohol use. Weighing between 8 and 12 ounces, the heart is a mighty organ divided into four chambers that work together to pump blood in and out. The heart gets oxygenated blood from the lungs and pumps it throughout the rest of the body. Staying active, eating healthy, and watching our weight are all important parts of maintaining a healthy cardiovascular system. Pick a new heart-healthy habit like jogging or substituting sodas with water and try to stick to it for a whole month. Knowing the risk factors for heart disease and how to reduce them can help people lead healthier lives and diminish their risk for heart attacks or other cardiovascular diseases.

Marijuana Awareness Month – February 2023



Marijuana Awareness Month aims to spread knowledge about the negative effects of marijuana use. Several surveys carried out in the U.S. reveal that millions of people use marijuana, making it the most widely used illicit drug in the country. Marijuana use is on the rise in the U.S., causing a rise in addiction too. The popularity of the drug is a result of the perceived myth that the drug is harmless because of its recent legalization in some states.

Cannabis is indigenous to Central Asia and the Indian subcontinent. Its uses for fabric and rope date back as far as the Neolithic age in China and Japan. In the United States, the first restrictions on the sale of cannabis came in 1906 in Washington, D.C. Canada criminalized cannabis through The Opium and Narcotic Drug Act of 1923, at a time when there were not yet any reports of the use of the drug in the country. However, its use was eventually legalized for recreational and medicinal purposes in 2018. Marijuana is the most widely used drug in the world, with millions of users in different countries reported annually.

Marijuana use has been said to have its advantages and disadvantages. However, the reason it might be considered dangerous is probably because it can be abused and could have adverse effects on the psychological and mental state of users.

G.I. Joe Day – February 1, 2023

G.I. Joe Day is celebrated on February 1 because the toy was introduced to the market in February 1964 by Hasbro, a toy company. The toy was created by Stanley Weston, a toymaker who felt a toy should be created for boys like Barbie was created for girls. G.I. stands for 'Government issue' or 'General issue', and the term G.I. Joe referred to U.S. soldiers during the Second World War.



National Embroidery Month – February 2023

We're taking a moment to appreciate an art that's perhaps been underestimated, or at least underpublicized. Embroidery, the art of decorating fabric with needle and thread, has a vast and varied history, and still maintains a strong following of crafters today. Though most commercial embroidery is now done by computerized machine, the craft itself is believed to date back to 30,000 B.C.



Black History Month – February 2023

Black History Month, which is celebrated each year during February, is a chance for Americans to learn details of their nation's history that, unfortunately, are far too often neglected and pushed to the wayside. As the saying goes, Black history is American history — and it's a varied and rich history. A wise nation honors and learns from its past. It refuses to let the most important facts about our shared and collective memory disappear into the depths of forgotten history. What happened in the past shapes and informs where we are heading in the future. Anybody who pays even a little attention to American social affairs and politics knows that there's still much work to do in order for the nation to truly live out its creed that everybody is "created equal." The lessons of Black History Month provide us with a way forward by examining our past.

Spunky Old Broads Month

It was brought about by a spunky old broad herself — Dr. Gayle Carson. She believes it's for the women who are spunky, open, and brave. It is a day to celebrate them and their accomplishments, and simply recognize their importance. It is also for the young ladies to prepare to become a spunky old broad soAn S.O.B. is a successful, independent, self-reliant, smart, intelligent, outgoing, outspoken, resourceful, bold, brave, and anything but shy lady. The word 'spunky' itself means courageous, spirited, feisty, and determined. A wise old woman once said: "When I get old, they're never going to say, 'What a sweet old lady.' Rather they will say, 'What on Earth is she up to now?!'"



Youth Leadership Month

The aim of the day is simple — to get young people to take up leadership roles and contribute to the community in their own ways. Students are taught to assume leadership roles in their schools, communities, and the workforce. This is a great way to build the next generation of citizens who are also committed to bringing the best to their communities. Celebrations such as Youth Leadership Month instill confidence in students. It makes them the best versions of themselves. Youth Leadership Month gives back to the communities by creating a generation of future leaders. They will take on roles to improve the society around them.



DID YOU KNOW?

February's full Moon reaches peak illumination at **Sunday, February 5, 2023**. Look skyward on that night to catch the best view of this full Moon! It's known as the **Snow Moon** due to the typically heavy snowfall that occurs in February. Other traditional Native American names for this Moon include the Eagle Moon (Cree), Raccoon Moon (Dakota), and Hungry Moon (Cherokee).



Super Bowl Sunday is the day on which the annual championship game of the National Football League (NFL) is played. NFL is the highest level of professional American football in the United States. Super Bowl Sunday is considered a national holiday by most fans. It is the second-largest day for food consumption in the U.S. after Thanksgiving Day. The Super Bowl is also one of the most watched American broadcasts attracting more than a hundred million viewers.

Roman numerals are used to identify successive games, instead of the year in which it is held. The first, i.e. Super Bowl I was played on January 15, 1967. **In 2023 Super Bowl LVII (57th) will be held on February 12th, 2023 - 6:30PM ET**

State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Arizona, shown on Fox TV. Rihanna will perform at halftime

In celebration of Valentine's Day

How Do I Love Thee? (Sonnet 43)

Elizabeth Barrett Browning - 1806-1861

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of being and ideal grace.
I love thee to the level of every day's
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.
I love thee freely, as men strive for right.
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.

United States presidential election of 1789, American presidential election held on Feb. 4, 1789, in which George Washington was unanimously chosen as the first president of the United States by electors from 10 of the 13 states.



How do I
Love
Thee?

Let Me Count the Ways



February 1, 2003 - Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* broke apart in flight over west Texas, killing all seven crew members. The accident may have resulted from damage caused during liftoff when a piece of insulating foam from the external fuel tank broke off, piercing a hole in the shuttle's left wing that allowed hot gases to penetrate the wing upon re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere. This was the second space shuttle lost in flight. In January 1986, *Challenger* exploded during liftoff.

February 3, 1943 - An extraordinary act of heroism occurred in the icy waters off Greenland after the U.S. Army transport ship *Dorchester* was hit by a German torpedo and began to sink rapidly. When it became apparent there were not enough life jackets, four U.S. Army chaplains on board removed theirs, handed them to frightened young soldiers, and chose to go down with the ship while praying.

February 11, 1990 - In South Africa, Nelson Mandela, at age 71, was released from prison after serving 27 years of a life sentence on charges of attempting to overthrow the apartheid government. In April 1994, he was elected president in the first all-race elections.

February 26, 1848 - The Communist Manifesto pamphlet was published by two young socialists, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. It advocated the abolition of all private property and a system in which workers own all means of production, land, factories and machinery.

February 28, 1844 - During a demonstration of naval fire power, one of the guns aboard the USS *Princeton* exploded, killing several top U.S. government officials on the steamer ship, and narrowly missed killing President John Tyler.

Because you gave...

Dec	Y-T-D		Y-T-D	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
General Fund:	\$18,900.34		\$0.00	\$140,627.10
Interest from CDs, etc.	\$27.12		\$0.00	\$226.66
Total GF	\$18,927.46		\$0.00	\$140,853.76
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Elevator Fund	\$303.00		\$0.00	\$6,855.56
Local Benevolent Giving	\$278.39		\$0.00	\$4,453.10
Joash	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Joash BF Savings	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$2,001.00
Memorial Fund	\$120.00		\$0.00	\$5,610.00
Special Offerings	\$1,122.95		\$0.00	\$5,835.93
Stained Glass Windows	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$212.25
Youth Fund Giving	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$200.00
Total Designated Funds	\$1,824.34			\$25,167.84
Totals	\$20,761.80			\$166,021.60
				\$182,464.36



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Those sick and in the hospital, and our shut-ins; for those we love who are in care centers, assisted living and nursing care. We pray for our Nation, to bring healing, to help us find peace and direction for the days ahead. We pray for the situation in Ukraine and all it's people. We pray for Pastor's, Church leaders and congregations as we shine the Light of Christ and the Love of God to a world in need. We pray for our local church leadership: Admin bd. Chr. & members of SPRC, Finance, Trustees, Outreach, Missions, Education, Nurture, and al who support our church in prayer and attend services. We pray for our school students, teachers and staff .

We remember the inmates and staff at NCI. We pray for special unspoken requests,
and for each other. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen

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