

# THE CHIMES

## 2023



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

*based on  
Matthew 28:19*

### *Pastor's Letter*

Dear Caldwell Church Family and Friends- Happy New Year!

We hear these words everywhere spoken just about by everyone; most people say them truly wishing family and friends happiness in the days ahead. What really makes the year new? Is it that we are on the last page of the calendar, and need a new one? Maybe, it's because we needed an end to the old and a reason to begin afresh? Fresh things are usually the best.

Well, the truth is, not everyone celebrates the New Year at the same time, nor in the same season; for some, like us it's in winter, for others like Australians, it is in summer. But everyone recognizes the need for a new beginning.

For most Christians and our American calendar, the greatest influence came from our Western traditions (not cowboys & Indians.) our modern calendar is directed by the Gregorian Calendar System, named after Pope Gregory XIII. It became the standard for the Christian faith on February 24, 1582. Before that date, people observed the Julian calendar (named after Julius Caesar). As Christians we celebrate 2023 A.D. (Anno Domini: The Year of the Lord, referring to the Birth of Jesus Christ.)

The Hebrew calendar celebrates the New Year in the fall, it is called Rosh Hashanah on September 15-17 this year; it will be the Jewish calendar year of 5783. The Chinese calendar New Year will begin January 22<sup>nd</sup> and last until Feb 5th; it will be the year of the Rabbit. The Islamic calendar observes the year Mohammed traveled to Medina (not Ohio) in 622 A.D. Islam will be celebrating the year 1444A.H. (Anno Hegirae) The reason I am sharing this information is to point out that most cultures and religions observe a time of new beginnings. A time for a fresh start, so we can seek forgiveness and correct past mistakes; to renew friendships and build new relationships.

We can celebrate each day anew, if we allow God to work in our lives. We should not have to wait until the last page on the calendar, or for the Sun & Moon to be in the right position to make a fresh start. Don't wait to make resolutions, but begin each day afresh by asking God for guidance, forgiveness, and help in living life better each day.

Jesus Christ came into the world to make us new people; a "new creation". He sets the example by showing us how to love one another. 2. Corinthians 5:17 says, "if anyone is in Christ, they (we) are a new creation; old things have passed away and all things have become new." By trusting in Jesus Christ, we are new people, loved by God, forgiven and in turn can love each other completely. This is God's great promise. It is fun to celebrate the New Year; I admit it, we all need noise makers, party hats and confetti, or life would be boring; most of all we need Jesus. Let's celebrate life with Jesus, and be new people.

New Year blessings- Live life, love always!

*Rev. Jeff Coggins, your Pastor*

*Sunday January 1, 2023*

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**This Sunday's sermon is based on Luke 2:21-38 "He was Called Jesus"**

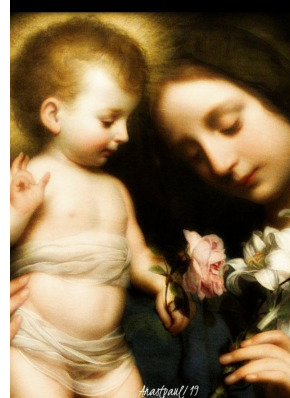
**Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9**



*Jesus*  
Name above all names

And at the end of eight days,  
...he was called Jesus...

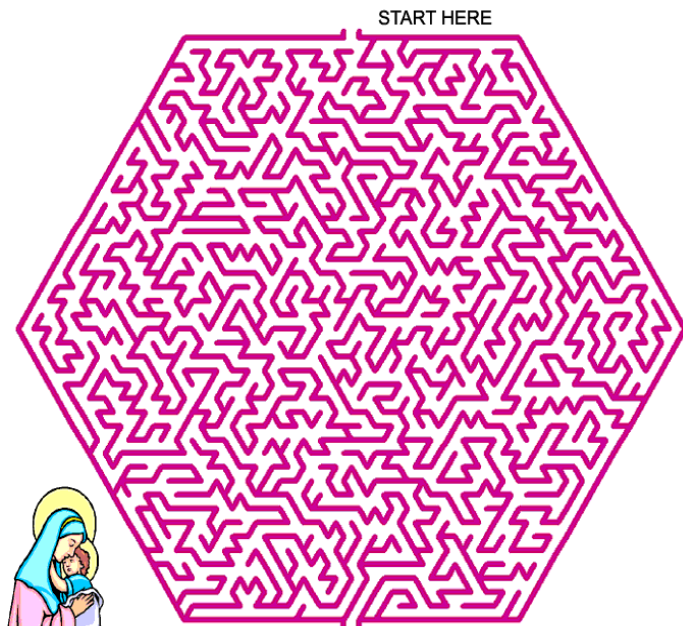
Luke 2:21



## Isaiah 63:9



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CAN YOU IMAGINE **SIMEON**?  
WHAT A **PROMISE** HE'D BEEN  
GIVEN! I BET THAT **EVERY DAY** HE  
WONDERED IF THAT WOULD  
BE **THE DAY!**



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OH **YEAH!** I  
CAN **TOTALLY**  
RELATE!



**YOU CAN?**

**YEAH!** EVERY DAY I THINK  
"WILL THIS BE **THE DAY?**  
WILL THIS BE THE **WINNING**  
**TICKET?**"



LUKE 2:22-32

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01/12 Karen Harris	01/21 Ryan Moorman
01/13 Cheyenne Foley	01/24 Minday Brooker
01/14 Darren Smith	01/24 Marvin Feldner
01/14 Dennis Vadini	01/25 Dave Archer
01/15 Ellery Spring	01/30 Olivia Piper
01/16 Jeanette Jeffrey	01/31 Brena Baker
01/17 Deloria Ullmann	01/31 Christopher Brooker
01/18 Justin Archer	01/31 Sandee Stritz
01/21 Carol Merry	



01/05 Ryan & Christina Merry  
01/13 Bob & Nancy Rudge



New Church Office Hours  
Beginning in January  
Thursday only  
9-4

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
**January Word Scramble**  
Unscramble the January words.



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2. annirt _____	11. brdziaz _____
3. nmnsweo _____	12. ertuhi _____
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6. ehactw _____	15. aevcars _____
7. galooing _____	16. slktag _____
8. zoefm _____	17. dgalln _____
9. twrrei _____	18. lyachd _____

1. sliding	8. temperature	11. Martin	16. skating
2. snowflake	7. holiday	12. storms	17. scarves
3. mittens	8. icicles	13. toboggan	18. blizzard
4. sliding	9. frozen	14. weather	
5. winter	10. snowmen	15. Luther	

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Word

Score:

# JANUARY

COLD	RESOLUTION
FROZEN	RUNNY NOSE
GLOVES	SCARF
ICICLES	SHOVEL
IGLOO	SKIING
MITTENS	SLEDDING
NEW YEAR	SNOWBALLS
PENGUIN	SNOWFLAKES



S C S O L D F P G L O V E S R  
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S A C R G N I D D E L S F I S

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



44565 Sunset Rd., Caldwell, Oh 43724 Senior Living

Leda Green

Rena Young—Apt 3  
Charlotte Sutphin

Summit Acres Nursing Home

Jim Garvin, Summit Court  
Frances Milligan – 20 Summiit Court







## New Year, New You.

In January, anything feels possible. As the chapter closes on another year, the shiny prospect of starting anew settles upon us like a blanket of fresh January snow. January, in the depths of winter, is seen as a reflective period to take stock of the previous year and to plan on what the new year could bring.

We set New Year's resolutions for the coming year (and actually believe we will achieve them!), and bound into this month with hope on our side. January is the forever optimist, before the reality check of pragmatic February settles in.

January was named after the Roman God Janus, who is known as the protector of entrances, thus symbolizing the beginning of the year. Janus is depicted with two faces, one facing back and another forward. The face looking backward symbolizes the past and the one looking forward symbolizes the future.

*Janus am I; oldest of potentates;  
Forward I look, and backward, and below  
I count, as god of avenues and gates,  
The years that through my portals come and go.*  
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet (1807–82)

The birthstone for January is the garnet. This rare gem comes in a variety of different colors. However, the most popular garnets are a deep shade of red. The word garnet is derived from the Middle English word, 'gernet,' which means dark red. This also shares its origin with the seed-filled fruit the pomegranate.



The month of January is represented by the carnation. The carnation is one of the most unassuming, yet charming flowers and is known for its delicate petals and plethora of stunning colors. A bouquet of carnations will last longer than any other flower, which fits in perfectly with the cold, tough and hearty month of January.



The lowest temperature ever recorded in the United States was minus 80 degrees Fahrenheit (-62.2°C). This was recorded by a weather observer at Prospect Creek Camp in Alaska on January 23, 1971. It was so cold that a person's eyeballs would begin to freeze after only seconds of being outside.

On January 2nd, 1960 the hottest ever southern hemisphere temperature was recorded in Oodnadatta, Australia, at a scorching 50.7°C (123°F). That's blisteringly hot! That means not only is January the coldest month, it's also the hottest too!



January's Moon is called the Wolf Moon. The Saxon word for the month was *Wulf-monath* or "wolf month." This year, the full Moon reaches peak illumination on Friday, January 6, at 6:09 P.M. EST.



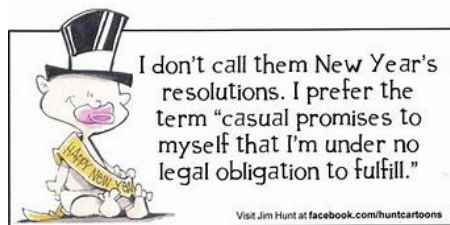
The power of the Wolf Full Moon serves as a guide for you to trust your instincts and pay attention to what they're trying to tell you.

The wolf symbolizes intelligence, loyalty, freedom, and social connections, and demonstrating them in a more balanced manner. The wolf moon that comes in the dead of winter is a time for transformation and introspection. It is a time of figuring out what you need in order to have a successful life. It's also a time of seeing what's missing and finding truth in what you long for. It's about sacrifice, finding personal truth, and discovering your purpose and how it relates to the bigger picture and society as a whole.

## National First-Foot Day – January 1, 2023

National First-Foot Day, on January 1, is about celebrating the New Year as per the Scottish and North England tradition of bringing good luck upon your home by being the first person to set foot inside at the beginning of the year. The first-footer or the person who steps into the home following the start of a new year is seen as a bringer of good fortune. The first footer must come bearing gifts: symbolic gifts such as a silver coin, shortbread, salt, coal, or whisky, and will be given food and drink in return by the inhabitants. But wait, there's more! According to ancient folklore and tradition, the person who is first footing into the household should be a man, dark-haired, not fair, and must have flat feet. If he (traditionally male) carries coins, that would mean financial prosperity; short-bread is a sign of full rations in food; salt represents flavor; coal means warmth; and whiskey means celebration.

The words auld lang syne literally mean "old long since," though in practice it means "old times, especially times fondly remembered," as well as an "old or long friendship."



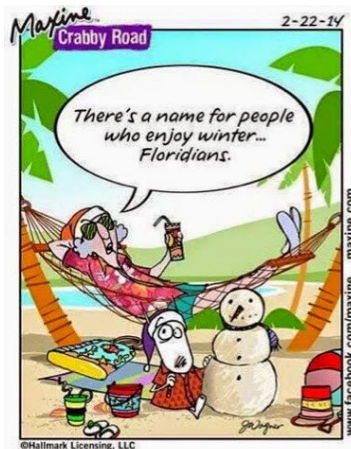
What do you call something that tastes like pasta, looks like pasta but isn't pasta?... An impasta!

What do you call a cow that doesn't give milk?... A MILK DUD!

What do you call a really high ranking snack?... A popcorn colonel.

What do mountains wear to keep warm?... Snowcaps.

What do you call a temper tantrum that a snowman throws in January?... A meltdown.



## DID YOU KNOW?

### Ellis Island Day – January 1, 2023

Ellis Island Day is observed every January 1 to celebrate an island that served as a gateway to America during the immigration wave of 1892 through 1954. During the peak years of immigration operation through Ellis Island, an average of 1,900 people passed through the station every day. Between 1892 and 1954, about 17 million people immigrated to America through the immigration station at Ellis Island. Currently, such an operation no longer exists on the island, which can only be accessed by ferry. The island is part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument, including the Statue of Liberty, a national museum of immigration, and Ellis Island Immigrant Hospital.

Long before it became the site of the immigration processing stations of 1892 to 1954, Ellis Island was a public execution site for pirates. It was supposedly used during the 1760s to hang pirates on a tree called 'Gibbet Tree.' In 1808, the United States government fully acquired the island for the sum of \$10,000. The government converted it into a military fort to protect the New York Harbor from possible British and French armed attacks. After its fortification, Ellis Island was re-named Crown Fort but later changed to Fort Gibson, after the War of 1812.

After the war, Fort Gibson changed hands and went through various states of disuse. By 1881, its administration passed to the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance. In 1890, the U.S. government ordered the island converted to a federal immigration station, with its administration handed over to the Department of the Treasury.

The immigration station started receiving immigrants on January 1, 1892, and it closed for the final time on November 12, 1954. The closure was due to new laws limiting immigration, the aftermath of the second world war, the cost of keeping the station running, and the federal government's plan to construct a replacement facility in Manhattan. In 1965, Ellis Island was added to the Statue of Liberty National Monument Park.



### Mummer's Parade – January 1, 2023

This 120-year-old parade is a staple of the Philadelphia cultural scene, with tens of thousands of people taking part, making it one of the most exciting events on the U.S. calendar. It all started in the mid-seventeenth century when the first parade was created, infusing dance, music, and costume styles from Swedish, Irish, German, and African cultures and heritages to celebrate art and tradition. It was also loosely based on the British and Irish Mummer's plays, which were folk plays performed by troupes of amateur actors, almost like pantomimes, but with more of a mythical narrative. Today the parade symbolizes the amalgamation and coming together of different cultures in America and pays homage to those rich backgrounds and heritage of the people that chose to participate in the actual parade events.





## Polar Bear Plunge Day – January 1, 2023



A polar bear plunge, also known as a polar bear swim or ice swimming, is a cold-weather winter event. Participants gather at a designated time on the edge of a local body of water where they all plunge into the water at the same time, usually at the shrill blast of a starter whistle. The oldest-documented New Year's Day polar bear plunge event took place in 1904 when the L Street Brownies, a swim club founded in 1902 in South Boston, Massachusetts, took their first icy cold plunge together into Dorchester Bay.

Long before the L Street Brownies discovered the thrill of a New Year's Day polar bear swim, Scandinavians were enjoying ice swimming. It may seem bizarre, but ice swimming is common in Nordic cultures, and not just on New Year's Day. Ice-hole swimming — yes, as in cutting a hole in frozen lakes and dropping in for an icy dip — is a traditional Finnish outdoor activity.

There are both mental and physical benefits said to be derived from cold-water swimming. Some studies confirm that even taking a cold shower can elevate blood levels of the body's own mood-regulating- and painkilling hormones. These naturally occurring chemicals are essential in combating depression. Seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, a mood disorder common in the most northern latitudes where sunlight can be scarce for extended months, may be the reason why ice swimming has been practiced for many generations in Nordic cultures.



## New Year's Day – January 1, 2023

January 1 is New Year's Day — a time of optimism, planning, and resolute-ness. There's a feeling that maybe this year we'll make the changes we've been meaning to: more rest, better eating habits, more exercise, or a new job. New

Year's Day is about taking a moment to get ready for everything that is about to unfold. **Happy New Year!**



## Because you gave...

Nov			Y-T-D	Y-T-D
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
General Fund:	\$7,427.50	\$10,837.03	\$121,726.76	\$144,848.26
Interest from CDs, etc.	\$10.17	\$0.00	\$226.66	
Total GF	\$7,437.67		\$121,953.42	\$144,848.26
Building Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Elevator Fund	\$454.00	\$0.00	\$6,552.56	\$410.00
Local Benevolent Giving	\$373.08	\$300.00	\$4,174.71	\$3,901.29
Joash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Joash BF Savings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,001.00	\$0.00
Memorial Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,490.00	\$0.00
Special Offerings	\$134.25	\$481.37	\$4,712.98	\$5,849.81
Stained Glass Windows	\$113.00	\$11,305.00	\$212.25	\$27,455.00
Youth Fund Giving	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Total Designated Funds	\$1,074.33	\$12,086.37	\$23,343.50	\$37,616.10
Totals	\$8,512.00	\$22,923.34	\$145,296.92	\$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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