



2020

THE CHIMES

Pastor's Page: "Love Never Dies"

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

*based on
Matthew
28:19*

This is it – my last Newsletter for Caldwell UMC. Coming in mid-year to two blizzards which canceled services for two weeks – and now going out in the midst of a pandemic – I am certain that you will remember my time here as your pastor! I've never been "conventional." Seriously, I will miss all of you.

The line from the old movie, *Love Never Dies*, which is a sequel to the musical, *Phantom of the Opera*, "Love never dies," has been in my heart and mind lately. Perhaps that's one reason my devotions during quarantine have been on the great love chapter in the Bible, 1 Corinthians 13. There are vital lessons for all of us as we "start over," by opening our building for in-person worship. That will happen June 7, but it may not feel like the same church service prior to our quarantine. A letter will go out next Tuesday, giving you explicit instructions on our "new normal." 1 Corinthians reminds us that, "Love is patient, love is kind." Please be patient with one another. Be kind to each other. We all have strong emotions over the issues surrounding this

pandemic. Some are angry that the church building ever closed. Some feel as if we are being overly cautious. Some don't like masks. Others want things to go back immediately like we left them in March. There are those who will not be back – at least for a while. Respect their decisions. Respect other's opinions. We are erring on the side of caution. We are living our faith – not in fear, but in love. We love each of you and do not want to harm anyone.

All that said, I want you to remember that as I leave and Pastor Jeff Coggins comes to be your pastor. Give him your patience and kindness. Help him navigate the "new" in all of this. Don't assume you know what he is thinking. Ask him. Don't rush him. Give him the space he and Darcy need to settle into life in Caldwell. Re-read 1 Corinthians 13 and begin to absorb all it says. Apply the rules of love to everything you do. Most of you know I am moving to a new state and a new chapter in my life called retirement. It will take me some time to get use to my new normal in Lenoir, NC. It is going to take a lot for

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me to get used to gardening, raising chickens, and being a home owner. The one thing that I do know is that "Love never dies." In Christ, I have come to love you. That love will never die. I may not be in Caldwell, Ohio, but I will pray for all of you – and Pastor Jeff – from Caldwell County, NC. Remember, "Love Never Dies." As 1 Corinthians 13 states, "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arro-

gant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

In Christ's Love,
Rev. Bev Hall



My new address will be (as of June 23, 2020):

Rev Bev Hall

2041 Ada Williams Lane
Lenoir, North Carolina 28645

My email will remain the same as will my personal Facebook page.

We will be continuing to share sermons on facebook (Caldwell UMC OH) even after the 'shelter-in-place' is lifted.

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



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."

****Reminder****

June 21 is Communion Sunday so please have your own bread and juice ready if you will be participating in the on-line blessing and communion

In-Church Worship Resumes

In prayerful consultation with the Trustees, we will resume in person worship with 2 services - the 8 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. Cleaning MUST take place between the services so your cooperation is essential. For both services, there will be ONE WAY into the building (the ramp) and ONE WAY out of the building (the stairs in the front, unless you have a walker, crutches, or a wheelchair). The doors in the front will be locked, but you can leave through them at any time. More instructions will be coming. Please help us begin in-person worship services in a safe and credible manner. Your willingness to help do the requirements are certainly appreciated. We can't wait to see you again!

Summer Sack Lunch Program

Noble Local (Shenandoah) will be delivering meals to Sarahsville (their school), Belle Valley, Ava, Summerfield, Caldwell UMC, The Happy Time Pool, and, perhaps, Dexter City if they can secure a site. Deliveries of packages containing 3 days of meals for each child will be made on Mondays and Thursdays. Caldwell Schools will be continuing their Wednesday program, distributing packages containing 5 days of meals for each child. Distributions will be made at the Caldwell Elementary School.

Both of these programs will continue throughout June and July.

Noble Local has indicated they may be able to use some volunteers to help prepare the meals. Preparation will be taking place at the Noble County Fairground. They may also be able to use some volunteers to meet the vans at the drop off locations. If you are interested in helping out, contact Lorraine

Holiday: work - 740-732-5664 ext. 11; cell - 740-213-5704; Email - nutrition@gozepts.org

I am not sure if Caldwell needs volunteers at this time. To find out, contact Mr. Cottrill at the superintendent's office: (740)732-5637 or their food service manager Elaine Hummerich: cell - 740-525-2818. They can let you know their needs.



Special Prayer Time

During this time of crisis we need to be especially mindful of praying for all those effected throughout the world.

Please take a minute to join in a **Special Moment of Prayer** each day at **3:16 PM** in reference to John 3:16 "For God so loved the world..."

May God Richly Bless You All



From Christian author, Brian Dodd...

Let's give pastors and church decision-makers a break. I have often said pastors have the most difficult job in the world. For proof, read [An Open Letter To Pastors. You Are Loved And Respected.](#) But because of COVID-19, these are especially challenging times for those entrusted with the health and well-being of the local church. In short, pastors are in a no-win situation when it comes to re-opening. **No matter what decision is made, there is great passion within each congregation for doing the exact opposite of whatever the leaders choose to do.** Conversations about urgency vs. passivity, facts vs. feelings, and safety vs. trust are dramatically impacting many church's spirit of unity and thus, its ability to thrive moving forward. **Regardless of the reopening date, those decisions will likely be both celebrated and questioned.** Therefore, it is important we support and pray for our pastors so they can focus on hearing from an audience of One, the Holy Spirit himself, and being obedient to do what pleases Him, not everyone else. The answer will likely be different from church to church, state to state, and region to region. I live in Georgia. Our context for reopening is certainly different than New York, New Jersey, Michigan, and Illinois for example. But even in our state with a highly-aggressive and pro-church governor, many churches are not opening until July or after. Others opened on May 3rd, the first day of eligibility. Because of the disparity of viewpoints and as illustrated above, extremely vocal thoughts and questions have arisen. The following are just some of what I hear locally as well as nationally:

- "I can get a tattoo, go bowling, and go into a store and buy cannabis but I can't go to church?"
- "Who cares what other churches are doing? What is God telling you to do?"
- "Are my children going to be safe? What about my elderly parents? When are they going to be safe?"
- "Do you honestly believe digital is better than being live?"
- "What about a 2nd wave?"
- "Isn't this the 2nd wave?"
- "Why didn't you start planning for the day you could immediately reopen the day you closed?"
- "If we open now, what if only 20-30% of the people come back? Shouldn't we wait until everyone can come?"
- "If only 20-30% of the people come back, the others still have a digital option. Right?"
- "Whose heart at our church breaks because its doors are not open and what are they doing about it?"

And on and on and on....

You have probably heard all of these and more. **I'll say it again, pastors have probably never had it so difficult.** These individuals are shepherds who deeply love their congregations and care about people. They value unity and would never do anything to hurt those God has called them to lead. All Christians need to be supporting and praying for their pastors because there are going to be no popular decisions. And **I don't know if there are any right decisions either.** Only time will tell. **The only right answer for pastors from my perspective** is after much prayer, time with God, and discussions with their leaders, to reopen when God tells them to. Not a Sunday earlier and not a Sunday later. We can live with those results whatever they may be.



H.A.R.P. will be holding the fourth annual Share-A-Thon on June 2nd from 8am-6pm. The funds raised will go directly to helping low-income families, veterans, seniors, and disabled adults. H.A.R.P. provides necessary home repairs, wheelchair ramps, maintenance, and furnishings to those who are physically and financially not able to provide for themselves and their family. By removing the financial burden of these repairs, families are set upon the path of self-sufficiency and able to progress on creating an independent lifestyle or ageing in place.

Over 46 families have already applied this year and are in desperate need of assistance with housing projects. By participating in the Share-a-Thon, donors will help provide wheelchair ramps to disabled veterans, and seniors, as well as home repair projects for over 100 families this year.

Date: Tuesday, June 2 2020

Where: 810 Main Street, Caldwell, OH 43724.

Pledge by phone, in person, or donate online: <https://www.harpcaldwell.org/donate>

Call H.A.R.P. at 740-365-0052 from 8am-6pm on June 2nd to pledge your donation. Checks can be mailed to 810 Main Street, Caldwell, OH 43724.



Pentecost is the annual Christian festival commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his ascension from earth to heaven on [Ascension Day](#). It always falls on the seventh Sunday after [Easter](#). Pentecost means "fiftieth day", as it is celebrated on [Pentecost Sunday](#), the 50th day of the Easter season (including [Easter Sunday](#), the first day, in the counting). Some Christian denominations consider it to be the birthday of the Christian church and celebrate it as such. It can fall as early as May 10th and as late as June 13th.



What are United Methodist Women members called to do today, when the world has changed so much?

First, we act as a sisterhood. We reach out to one another, listen, support and pray. We study together: What a blessing that our current spiritual growth study is Finding Peace in an Anxious World.

We are also called by God to serve and to do works of justice. Needs will keep changing, and United Methodist Women will continue to call for action on behalf of women, children and youth and marginalized people.

Where do we see the greatest needs in this moment? People in prison or detention and people who work in those locations are in great need. They are uniquely vulnerable with limited protections during our global COVID-19 health crisis. We have joined with others to call for release of persons with special vulnerability who can be released safely. Look to our website and social media pages for how to be a part of this and other coronavirus resources, and sign up for action alerts at unitedmethodistwomen.org/action.ple.

The spread of coronavirus touches each of our advocacy focuses—women and children’s health, climate justice and economic inequality in addition to mass incarceration. Persons experiencing domestic violence are especially at risk at a time of stay-at-home orders. We must also remain alert to environmental protections that may get loosened at this time. Together we can watch and care for those among us in great need. Together we can speak up for those without protection during this crisis. Together we can stay informed, continue in prayer and express our love for God in our service of others and our advocacy for justice.

Dwell in us, Holy Spirit! Open our eyes to see those in need. Open our hearts to your love for them—may it become our love as well. Strengthen our hands and our spirits to be who we are called to be for this hour.

Harriett Jane Olson
General Secretary
United Methodist Women



open wide our hearts

- ⇒ *The Bible never suffers from neglect. It is only those who neglect it who suffer.*
- ⇒ *Too often religion is like soap—those who need it most use it least.*

Any time you have an address or phone change, please let me know in the office.

secretary4him@frontier.com

740-732-4033



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Barefoot Day	2 Leave the Office Early Day	3 Running Day	4 Hug your Cat Day	5 Hot Air Balloon Day	6 Donut Day
7 Chocolate Ice Cream Day	8 Upsy Daisy Day	9 Strawberry Rhubarb Pie	10 Ball Point Pen Day	11 Corn on the Cob Day	12 Lemonade Day	13 Poultry Day
14 Strawberry Shortcake Day	15 Nature Photography Day	16 Fudge Day	17 Stewarts Rootbeer Day	18 Sushi Day	19 Garfield the Cat Day	20 Polar Bear Swim Day
21 Father's Day	22 Baby Boomer Day	23 Pink Flamingo Day	24 Pralines Day	25 Catfish Day	26 Beautician's Day	27 Great American Backyard Camp Day
28 Log Cabin Day	29 Camera Day	30 Social Media Day				



Services in June

June 7: Trinity Sunday, "Hearts Wide-Opened," based on 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

June 14: "God's Strength," based on Romans 5:1-11

June 21: Father's Day, **Communion**, "So Long, Farwell," based on 2 Cor. 13:11-13

June 28: Special Guest Speaker: Jason Feldner, both services

Pastor Jeff and Darcy will be moving from Ashland, OH on June 29 & 30.
Pastor Jeff's first day is July 1.

CONCERNS

**SYMPHATHY FOR MARY LOU GRIFFIN'S DAD'S DEATH (HAROLD HAGA)—
JOHN CLINE—REV JAY WORKMAN—NANCY CLARK—NOVA LEE SHARP—
TERRY & MANDY MILLER— GREG & MINDY BROOKER—BRITTNEY MACKEY
WILSON—DEE LAHUE—BETTY WILSON—CLARA EDITH SMITH—LAURA
HICKMAN—KITTY ZERGER—RENA YOUNG—JEAN SNODE—GARY EDGAR—
JANET MURREY—JIM & SUE GARVIN—KATHY CROCK—MICHELLE MARTIN—
BELINDA POWELL—DICK DAVIS— JAYNE DAVIS—JULIA HALL—
CAROL & GARY—MARYANN CLARK—PAUL GILL—KATHLYN MAXWELL—
JAMES POLEN—SARA BARNHART—CHRISTOPHER IRVIN (Military) -
RUTH GARRETT—DEAN BANKS—KATHLEEN KEYLOR—JON IRVIN—ARLENE
WINKLER—ED DITCH—RUTH MCELFRESH—NELLIE POULTON—
PRISONERS & STAFF AT NCI**

Please keep all our church family in your prayers as well as all those suffering from the effects of the coronavirus while coping with everyday life in an all-new perspective.

DEAR LORD,

If someone is hurting at this moment, I pray Lord, kindly touch and embrace them. Comfort them, let them feel the joy of Your divine presence and make them whole again. In Jesus name, Amen.



Le Church Mouse
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SUMMIT ACRES NURSING HOME

44565 Sunset Rd
Caldwell, OH 43724

Marie Buckey
Unit 1—Room 104
B: February 1
Phone: 732-4671

Richard Davis
Summit Acres Unit 2
B: January 16

Ruth McElfresh
Speret, Room 219B
B: September 24

Remembering you in Prayer

Jean Snode
Speret, Room
B: July 26

Becky Stoffer
Unit #1 - Room 123
Birthday: May 1

Pat Vogel
18 Summit Court
B: October 18

SENIOR LIVING

Dolores Christopher
7 Summit Court
Caldwell OH 43724
B: November 22



Jim & Sue Garvin
Summit Court
Jim's B—Oct. 22
Sue's B—May 12

Frances Milligan
20 Summit Court
Ph: 740-305-5287
B: February 6

OUT-OF-TOWN SHUT-INS

Nellie Poulton
Beckett House
1280 Friendship Dr
New Concord, OH 43762
B: June 20



06/01 **Destanie**
Ritterbeck

06/02 **Robert Magorien**

06/03 **Tracy Christ**

06/04 **Alison Merry**

06/06 **Joshua Archer**

06/06 **Joey Burrell**

06/11 **Aubrey Hollinger**

06/13 **Jeannette Feldner**

06/14 **Alizabeth Burrell**

06/19 **Ryan Merry**

06/20 **Aiden Christ**

06/20 **Nellie Poulton**

06/22 **Nancy Boyd**

06/23 **Ellen McConnell**

06/23 **Samantha Jo**

McConnell

06/25 **Derek Sidwell**

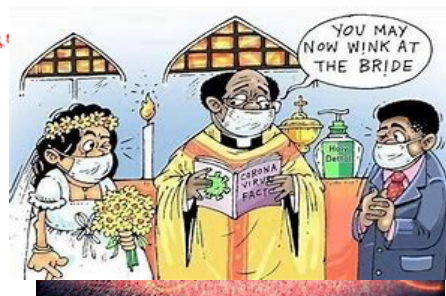
06/27 **Preston Chandler**

06/27 **Leslie Pfeffer**

06/27 **Connie Secrest**

06/29 **Debbie Butler**

06/29 **Jason Hickman**



Happy Anniversary

06/06 **Kaeli & Brad Peoples**

06/15 **Deloris & Don Ullman**

06/16 **Tiffany & Derek**
Sidwell

06/26 **Jane & Tim Niswonger**

06/27 **Connie & Scott**
Gallaughier

06/27 **Laura & Jason**
Hickman

06/27 **Vanessa & Dan Sawyer**

06/30 **Kitty & Rick Zerger**





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	APRIL		Y-T-D	Y-T-D
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund:	18,382.00	12,280.82	44,371.68	50,064.02
Interest from CDs, etc.	48.85	0.00	145.81	0.00
Total General Fund	18,430.85	0.00	44,517.49	50,054.02
Building Fund	380.00	0.00	680.00	0.00
Elevator Fund	500.00	0.00	3,611.00	156.82
Local Benevolent Giving	312.00	330.00	1,668.00	1,290.00
Joash	2,150.00	0.00	2,050.00	0.00
Memorial Fund	10,020.00	0.00	10,020.00	0.00
Special Offerings	250.00	300.00	1,175.71	1,756.91
Stained Glass Windows	270.00	0.00	2,385.55	0.00
Youth Fund Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Designated Funds	13,882.00	630.00	21,740.26	3,203.73
Totals	32,312.85	12,910.82	66,257.75	53,267.75