

keep in touch

May 6, 2021



Greetings Caldwell UMC Family and Friends, This year's National Day of Prayer is Thursday May 6 and the Theme is:

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

As you receive this weekly In Touch word the National Day of Prayer has passed, but the theme and the focus of our prayers for America and around the world, remain the same. This is the 70th year for the National Day of Prayer; God continues to bless us as a nation. America is a nation made up of every nation, tribe, and tongue.

Yes, we are richly blessed to have a law that has proclaimed a day of prayer for our nation each year since the law was signed in 1952! Decades later, America still needs our prayers. We need to be praying for all people, every day, for all seven mountains of influence and more, because people are still in need and the Church is still called to prayer, care, share a godly lifestyle. First and foremost, people need to hear the message and experience the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. All have sinned and fallen short, but God's arm is not short, and we have been sent to show and share Christ's message of LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY.

Before God even spoke, "Let there be..." God our Creator loved us; [you and me.] God is love. We are surrounded by the hurting, hopeless, and helpless people who have never experienced the love of God and possibly of another person. God designed and defines love, real love; unconditional, authentic love that sent Jesus, God's Son to pay our sin-debt in full so that we could believe in Him and have everlasting, abundant LIFE.

Everyone needs to know that they were created by God and that we are loved beyond our understanding. God put that divine image deep within us, and determined how valuable we are, and set the purpose that no person can take away from them. As followers of Jesus we must come together in obedient unity and love that spreads God's glory across the earth. We must share this message of love and life, so that our neighbors, co-workers, classmates – so that all the world would come to repentance, that NONE may perish and know the LIBERTY, the freedom from the stain and shame of sin. Everyone can have freedom ring in their hearts, liberty that pronounces you, "NOT GUILTY" from the One true Judge. God alone knows your heart, knows everything about you; everything you have thought, done and had done against you. God alone is our judge and in Christ alone, we experience authentic, eternal LIBERTY.

In 2 Corinthians 3:2-3, the Apostle Paul reminds the Jesus followers in Corinth, "You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." Just as it was 2000 years ago, the mission remains the same today. We, the believers and followers of Jesus are the messengers, the letters written with the Spirit on our hearts, and from the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. It is our prayer today and throughout 2021 that the Spirit of the Lord, pour out, pour through us across America, to fill our lives, families, churches, workplace, education, military, government, arts, entertainment and media, with Biblical, not cultural, not worldly, but Spirit-empowered, Spirit-filled LOVE, LIFE and LIBERTY as designed and defined by our Creator and Savior.

Our 2021 National Day of Prayer theme prays: "LORD pour out Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY." Once again praying and proclaiming a promise of God in our theme verse, 2 Corinthians 3:17(above)

Please pray this prayer, as you read this letter: "Jesus we come now professing that You are our Lord and Savior, the One and only Son of God who came to take away the sin of the world and that whosoever believes in You will not perish but have everlasting life. As our Lord we are clay in Your hands, vessels of Your plans and love. Fill us we pray, to be overflowing vessels and examples of Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY. We thank you for loving us and commit to showing and sharing Your love. We thank you for our life, and commit to serve You in the awe and respect You deserve, knowing You have put Your image in all of us, and that every person is fearfully and wonderfully made. We thank you for forgiving our sins; for the LIBERTY you have given us, the mercy You have shown us, and You suffered in agony on the cross and the wrath of the Father was upon You, so that I might be found "Not guilty" through Your shed blood. Help me to show compassion and respect to others so that they may hear the gospel and come to know You as Lord and know the release of being a slave to sin. Pour out on us, Lord, and pour through Your Church across America we pray, in Jesus Name. "Amen!"

(Portions of this letter and prayer were taken from the National Day of Prayer Taskforce letter from Kathy Banzell, president of the taskforce.)

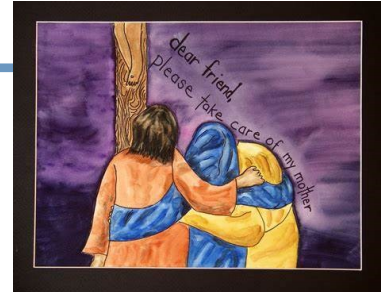
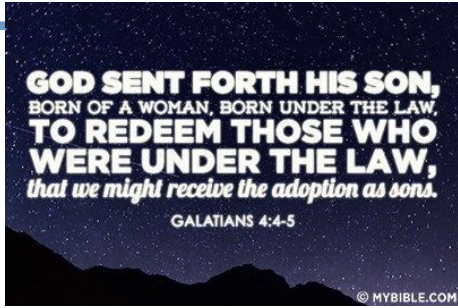
Blessings, Pray always!

Pastor Jeff Coggins



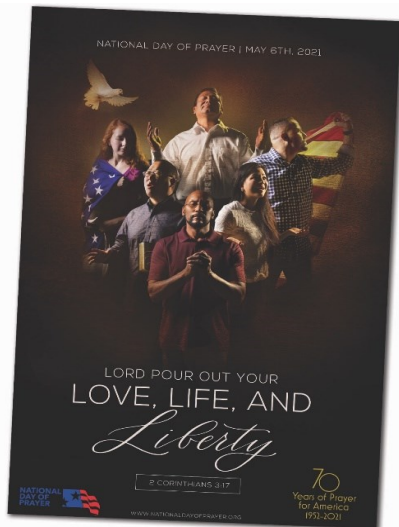
Sunday May 9, 2021

- ◆ Sunday Services are on our facebook page: Caldwell UMC Ohio.
- ◆ This Sunday Service is based on John 19:25-30 *"The Strength of Motherhood"*
- ◆ Also: Galatians 4:4-7



Mother's Day

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Please submit names and phone number of people you know who need a call from the pastor. Church family, as I continue to be faithful in serving our church, I need your help. Thanks Pastor Jeff cell #567-215-7628



Mission News

UPDATE: Drop-off Sites for June 7-13 UMCOR Kit Collection

A big “thank you!” to each church that volunteered to serve as a collection site for kit donations to benefit the Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC). The collection site in the Tuscarawas District is yet to be determined but the UMC church collection sites in the other nine districts are: Family of Faith (Canal), Trinity Sandusky (Firelands), Boardman UMC (Mahoning Valley), Trinity Mt. Gilead (Mid-Ohio), Strongsville (North Coast), Carrollton First (Ohio Valley), Old Washington (Southern Hills), Roscoe (Three Rivers), and Mentor (Western Reserve).

Items should be dropped off June 7-13 at any of the above EOC churches. MMDC will collect the kits June 14-15. Let’s fill the truck East Ohio! Go to: <https://www.eocumc.com/missions/training.html> for ‘bucket list’ of items.

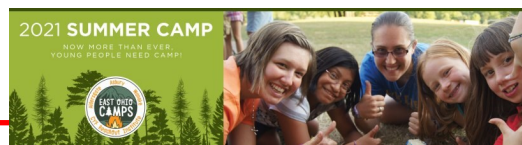


Guatemala Virtual Mission Journey – June 13, July 11, August 8

Do you watch the news and wonder how you can make an impact in the migration crisis in Central America? On June 13 begin a virtual journey to Guatemala and discover how people there are working to build safe, dynamic communities through the mission movement of the Methodist Church. Rev. Kimberly Arbaugh will be the team leader, connecting participants with UMC Missionary Lourdes Ramirez in Guatemala.

There is no charge to be part of the virtual mission trip team, but participants will be asked for donations to help renovate a United Methodist mission station so that it can be used to host work teams that travel to Guatemala. The team will meet virtually at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 13, Sunday, July 11, and Sunday, August 8. Call the Rev. Kimberly Arbaugh at (330) 627-7671 for more information and to ask any questions. Use this website for registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/guatemala-virtual-umvim-journey-tickets-151990330169>



Summer Camp 2021

There is still room for you at Camps Aldersgate, Asbury, and Wanake! It is not too late to get registered for Summer Camp 2021 <https://eastohiocamps.campbrainregistration.com/>

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

May 6, 1937 - The German airship Hindenburg burst into flames at 7:20 p.m. as it neared the mooring mast at Lakehurst, New Jersey, following a trans-Atlantic voyage. Thirty six of the 97 passengers and crew were killed. The inferno was caught on film and also witnessed by a commentator who broke down amid the emotional impact and exclaimed, "Oh, the humanity!" The accident effectively ended commercial airship traffic.

May 11, 1888—Songwriter Irving Berlin (1888-1989) was born (as Israel Isidore Baline) in Tyumen, Russia. Although he could not read or write musical notation, he became one of America's greatest songwriters, best known for songs such as *God Bless America*, *White Christmas*, *There's No Business Like Show Business*, *Alexander's Ragtime Band*, *Puttin' On the Ritz*, and *Oh! How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning*.

May 12, 1820— British nurse and public health activist Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) was born in Florence, Italy. She volunteered to aid British troops in Turkey where she improved hospital sanitary conditions and greatly reduced the death rate for wounded and sick soldiers. She received worldwide acclaim for her unselfish devotion to nursing, contributed to the development of modern nursing procedures, and emphasized the dignity of nursing as a profession for women. May 6 is National Nurse Appreciation Day.



Love, Justice & Service: The Order of
Deaconess and Home Missioner
Deaconess / Home Missioner Spotlight

Deaconesses and Home Missioners are laywomen and laymen who are called by God to be in a life-time relationship in The United Methodist Church for engagement with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice, and service. Together we form a covenant community that is rooted in Scripture, informed by history, driven by mission, ecumenical in scope, and global in outreach.

The Deaconess and Home Missioner call to ministries of love, justice, and service is defined in Paragraph 1913.1 of the United Methodist Book of Discipline, which states:

Deaconesses and home missioners function through diverse forms of service directed toward the world to make Jesus Christ known in the fullness of his ministry and mission, which mandate that his followers:

- a. Alleviate suffering;
- b. Eradicate causes of injustice and all that robs life of dignity and worth;
- c. Facilitate the development of full human potential; and
- d. Share in building global community through the church universal.



Prayer
Calendar
2021

Mission Focus Today: Brazil. Shade and Fresh Water Project. Supporting and expanding an after-school program to create activities and workshops for at-risk youth between 15 and 18 years of age.

Scott's Run Settlement House, Pursglove, West Virginia. Providing basic necessities for individuals, families and children in need.



National Have a Coke Day – May 8, 2021

If the very thought of National Have a Coke Day on May 8 makes you want to break into song, you're not alone. Recorded countless times since it was written in 1971, the song "I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing (In Perfect Harmony)" accompanied the brilliant hilltop coke commercial with the words "I'd like to buy the world a Coke" and "It's the real thing" added to make it a haunting and enduring synthesis of coke, peace and harmony that resonated in the "flower power" era and is still sung today.

Begun more than 125 years ago as a cocaine-fueled medicinal elixir, Coke eventually morphed into the non-narcotic soda of choice for the baby-boomers who came of age in the 60s. As the company grew it added other flavors and varieties of the original coke. Today the Coca-Cola Company continues to be relevant as the largest soft drink company in the world, expanding its uniquely American taste into the world's largest emerging markets to become a global brand.

Mother's Day – May 9, 2021

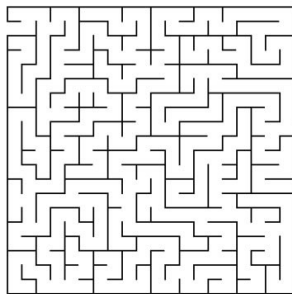
Remember when the Peace Corps adopted the slogan "The toughest job you'll ever love"? No offense, Peace Corps, but that adage is more appropriate for motherhood — a job that is ever-changing and frequently exasperating. Moms don't get days off, nor do they receive handsome salaries or generous pensions. Instead, their rewards come in the form of sticky kisses, necklaces made of elbow macaroni, and the satisfaction of seeing their children grow up to be happy, healthy adults. That's probably not adequate compensation — so give Mom an extra hug on Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May .



Happy Mother's Day!

Help the children get their gifts to Mom!

START



FINISH



- 5/11 Jill Baker
- 5/11 Terry Miller
- 5/11 Molly Moore
- 5/12 Lana Anderson
- 5/12 Sue Garvin



"Save the Date"

VBS 2021, June 13, 14, 15

Rainforest Explorer

5:30-8:00pm



PRAYER CONCERNS

Janet Murray, Wally McCauley

We pray for unspoken concerns and for each other.

We are again printing names on the prayer list so, with permission of the person and/or family, please let the office know when someone needs to be added. Sympathy's will be on the list for one week only. Other issues will remain for three weeks unless otherwise requested.



The Uncrowned Queen

A mother's love will stand by you,
When other friends have proved untrue;
She'll round your bed her vigil keep,
While other eyes are closed in sleep;
She'll cleave to you till life shall end
And be your best and dearest friend.

(excerpt: author unknown)



Christian Education Resource for the Whole Family

"Bible Adventure Road Trips" is a Bible-based resource for families to assist in exploring surroundings while having fun together and deepening understandings of the Bible. The resource, developed during the pandemic by an EOC Elder and a graphic artist, takes Christian Education out of the classroom and into the family car, as families take five road trips to some favorite places in their community to take pictures and explore the meaning of assigned Bible passages.

On road trips to a favorite restaurant, lake, river, woods, and cemetery the setting and surroundings provide a deeper insight of assigned scripture. Discussion questions are provided to help families discuss the Bible passage. Families earn points by completing various challenges on each road trip and by attending weekly Zoom meetings. Every family that earns 100 points receives a \$25 grocery gift card for a family picnic.

To get stated go to : <https://www.eocumc.com/spiritualformation/resources.html>