

keep in touch

May 13, 2021



Greetings Caldwell U. M. Church Family and Friends

I hope your week is going well despite the rain, and chilly weather; spring is here, it's Ohio!

As we are at the 40th Day since Easter; the celebration doesn't come to an end. The church's season of celebrating Christ's resurrection continues each Sunday, as we experience that "Christ is Risen!"

We are moving through the seven weeks after Easter until we come to the Day of Pentecost, 50 days after Easter Sunday. On Pentecost we are to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the church, to be with us, comforting, correcting, guiding, empowering and staying with us forever (John 14:16; 15:26; 16:7). But before we get to **Pentecost** (May 23), there is **Christ's Ascension Day** (This year May 13). This day is always on a Thursday, 40 days after Easter.

On Ascension Day, we are to remember and celebrate the risen Christ's returning into heaven, being seated at the right hand of God in heaven; and His rule over all the earth as Lord of Lords and King of Kings forever. The Ascension of Jesus Christ is a great event. Ascension Day is not often celebrated in some of our churches. But Christ's Ascension is full of meaning and significance, and should be a part of what strengthens the fiber of our lives, as followers of Jesus.

the Apostles' Creed. Says "He ascended into heaven" with this we recall the 40 days since His Resurrection, Jesus made appearances to his disciples. Now these visitations came to an end. *Three chief biblical passages (Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-11, the most detailed account) provide us with differing perspectives. But they all point to one new reality. In his Ascension, Christ's divine glory is revealed: Jesus was "taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God" (Mark 16:19; cf. John 17:5). The "cloud" that covered Jesus' ascent (Acts 1:9) draws our attention to the cloud that rested above Israel's "tent of meeting" in the days of Moses. The cloud was the visible sign to Israel that the "glory of the Lord" was present, covering the tent (Exodus 40:34). The Shekinah glory of God.*

Now as the disciples' gazed up into heaven" on Him for the last time with their physical eyes they would experience a "theophany" — a spiritual revelation of Jesus shrouded in a cloud of the Holy divine presence!

What is Jesus Christ's Ascension mean for us?

Jesus Christ is over us "Jesus Christ is Lord" is a primary confession of the church (1 Corinthians 12:3). A core Christian conviction is that Jesus Christ holds all power and authority in the universe. We confess this when we end our prayers: "Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray."

Christ's divine glory is revealed in his Ascension. Now, in heaven, Jesus is "seated at the right hand of God." This is the phrase that follows "he ascended into heaven" in the Apostles' Creed: Jesus Christ "sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty." Jesus' work continues, now from the descriptive place of honor and authority as ruler of all (Matthew 28:18; Philippians 2:9-11). This is Jesus' "function" — to govern in the name of God. As the theologian Karl Barth put it: "Christ holds in his hands the power of God. He governs in God's name."

To confess that Christ is exalted over all means the "principalities and powers" of this earth ultimately bow to Christ. For "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation" is more powerful than Christ — and these can never separate us from Christ's love (Romans 8:38).

"Christ is over us" means, that, every person "is under the dominion of Christ." Christ is Lord over all: over the powers of evil that grab at our attention, so we act against Christ; over all forms of power that grip us — suffering, disease, calamities; and over all leaders and politicians who seek to grasp power and maintain control over nations and people. Jesus Christ is over us. Jesus reigns! Jesus Christ is Lord of all.; we will answer to Him.

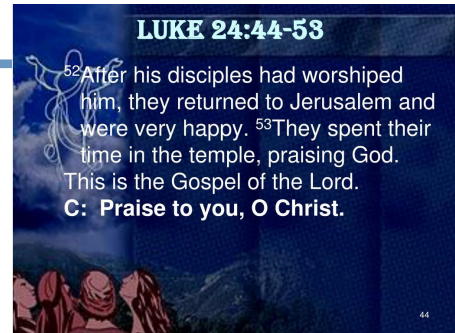
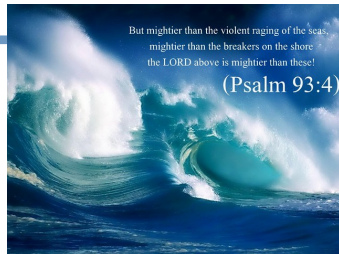
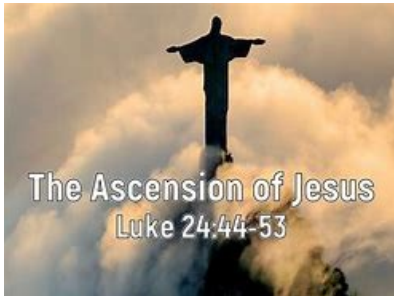
Blessings, live in Christ's authority.

Pastor Jeff Coggins



Sunday May 16, 2021

- ♦ Sunday Services are on our facebook page: Caldwell UMC Ohio.
- ♦ This Sunday Service is based on Luke 24:44-53 *"They Worship With Great Joy"*
- ♦ Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 93



The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)
Based on Luke 24:44-53



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RISE	REPENT	PROPHETS	TAKEN
SUFFER	PSALMS	OPENED	FORGIVE
HEAVEN	SCRIPTURE	FULFILLED	MOSES
WORSHIPED	BLESSING	UNDERSTAND	MINDS

Ascension Day—May 13, 2021

Ascension Day is the 40th day of Easter. It occurs 39 days after Easter Sunday. It is a Christian holiday that commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven, according to Christian belief.

Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals, dating back to the year 68. According to the New Testament in the Bible, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven.

Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season and occurs ten days before Pentecost. Depending upon the phases of the Moon in a particular year, Ascension Day is celebrated on a Thursday.

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



National Dance Like a Chicken Day – May 14, 2021

National Dance Like A Chicken Day on May 14 is all about reliving fond memories of busting out the iconic Chicken Dance. Whether it was in elementary school or at an event last week, everyone has done the Chicken Dance. While the accompanying oompah song we now know as ‘The Chicken Dance Song’ originated in Switzerland in the 1950s, it wasn’t until the 1970s that Americans caught on and the song took off on the charts. Pop on the song and dance with the kids in your life to the Chicken Dance today!

Shavuot – May 16, 2021



Shavuot—or the Feast of Weeks—is a Jewish holiday, celebrated between May 16-18 on the Gregorian calendar. The holiday has both an agricultural and biblical significance. Agriculturally, it marks the wheat harvest in Israel. Biblically, it commemorates the day God gave the nation of Israel the Torah on Mount Sinai.

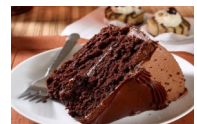


Tax Day – May 17, 2021

Welcome to America’s annual financial headache. It’s Tax Day, May 17 — and the Internal Revenue Service’s patience has just run out. Unless you’re due for a hefty refund (or working as a highly-paid accountant), Tax Day doesn’t usually spark much joy. Although Form 1040 appears shorter nowadays, filing taxes remains way too complicated for most Americans to do alone. It wasn’t always this way. The IRS didn’t appear on the scene until 1862. That’s when the federal government began “to assess, levy, and collect taxes through its power to seize property and income.”

National Devil's Food Cake Day – May 19, 2021

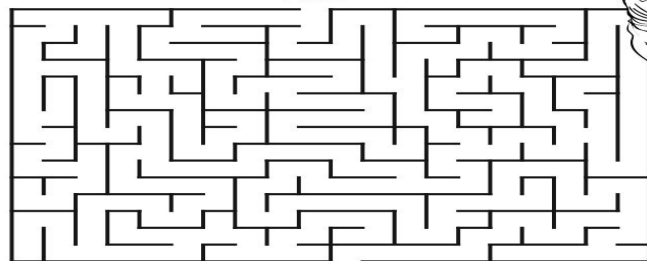
Devil’s food cake is not your ordinary chocolate cake. It’s a unique mix of ingredients that brings out the chocolate. Recipes often call for boiling water, instead of milk, and some even add coffee to bring out the chocolate flavor! Mixing science with desserts, the cake gets its darker color from its higher pH levels due to the added baking soda. The cake uses cocoa instead of chocolate squares, making it even fluffier! Some say the cake gets its name to distinctly contrast from the Angel’s food cake, which is much lighter in comparison.



THE ASCENSION AND PENTECOST

Guide the disciples to watch Jesus ascend to Heaven.

END



START



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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

May 14, 1607 - The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia, by a group of royally chartered Virginia Company settlers from Plymouth, England.

May 17, 1792 - Two dozen merchants and brokers established the New York Stock Exchange. In good weather they operated under a buttonwood tree on Wall Street. In bad weather they moved inside to a coffeehouse to conduct business.

May 17, 1875 - The first Kentucky Derby horse race took place at Churchill Downs in Louisville.

May 17, 1954 - In *Brown v. Board of Education*, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that segregation of public schools "solely on the basis of race" denies black children "equal educational opportunity" even though "physical facilities and other 'tangible' factors may have been equal. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."



YAC will be hosted on the interactive event platform Hop In from **1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 12**. The platform provides for live components, break out rooms, live chat, polls, prayer room, and so much more. Cost is just \$20 per person.

Register by May 28 to get your Party Box in time for YAC. Party Boxes will include t-shirts, lanyards, and other items to enhance your virtual experience. These boxes will be delivered or shipped to your church.



Prayer
Calendar
2021

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month in the United States – a time for recognizing the contributions and influence of Asian American and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. In our current social climate with growing awareness of anti-Asian violence and discrimination in the United States, it is important to recognize the ways that we – as God's people – are producing wild grapes (bitter, unusable) rather than the fruit of God's creation and promise. As we embrace this opportunity to expand our knowledge and celebrate the lives of AAPI people and cultures, let us return to God with a spirit of repentance and renewal.

Regional Missionaries

The Regional Missionary Initiative was created because of requests for leadership and organizational development from Methodist and United Methodist women around the world. These dedicated women work in local areas to assist women, children and youth to work in solidarity with each other on issues they determine and prioritize.

Regional Missionaries build relationships with Methodist, United Methodist, ecumenical and grassroots programs that focus on impacting poverty through enhancing the capacities of **local women leaders** and supporting **economic development programs** to provide women with the tools required to make positive, measurable change in their communities. All programs and network connections carried out by Regional Missionaries reflect the needs and priorities of their own region, covering: **Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.**

Women in the region shape Regional Missionaries' work. Currently, there are **seven** United Methodist Women's Regional Missionaries. Each missionary assists the women and youth they work with in developing projects and programs that meet their expressed needs and priority issues.



Christ Shares A Meal

Thursday May 27

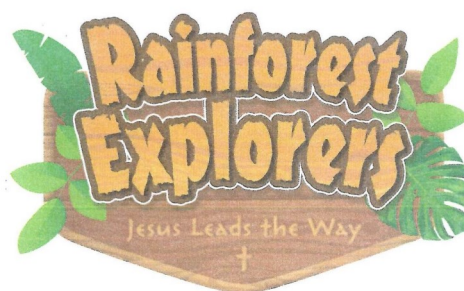
5-6PM Take Out Only

Menu:

Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Salad, Dessert



Save the Date

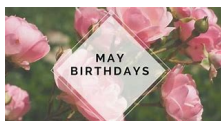


Vacation Bible School 2021

Sunday June 13, 14, and 15
Family Night Wednesday, June 16
5:30 – 8 pm

Caldwell United Methodist Church
537 Main Street, Caldwell, Oh
740-732-4033

Register online at vbsmate.com/caldwellvbs



5/16 Jean Monk

5/20 Kimberly Archer

5/20 Chad Moore



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 Mitchells vs. the Machines

Pay no attention to the generic title. Disregard the fact that it is a Netflix movie and isn't on any nearby theater screens.

The Mitchells vs. the Machines is simply a movie that you need to see right away. It's great. It's funny. It's topical. It's family friendly.

And – yes – it's not very original. It's really a reboot of *The Incredibles* with a middle-class family standing in for the superheroes. It's also a milder version of *National Lampoon's Vacation*.

And I loved it.

Since there are so many great jokes and plot developments – and you will see a few of them in the trailer – I am hesitant to say much more. But you need to know that the film really understands the benefits and the liabilities of social media and digital dependency. It's also a rip-roaring action film in which no one dies. There are even characters from the dark side who switch over to assist the Mitchells in their battle.

See this movie soon so that you can tell others about it, as well.



Spring Word Scramble

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MLOBO	_____
PLRIA	_____
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NIAR	_____
DREGNA	_____
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YBNUN	_____
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EDES	_____

WORD BANK

APRIL | BEE | BLOOM | BUNNY
BUTTERFLY | FLOWER | GARDEN
GREEN | MARCH | MAY | RAIN | RAINBOW
SEED | SPRING | SUNSHINE | TULIP
UMBRELLA



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