

keep in touch

September 15, 2022



Dear Caldwell Church family and friends

I Hope your week is going well, as fall approaches and is already in the air, I can feel the crispness, smell the fall scents, and almost taste cider and donuts, and a campfire roasted hot dog or two; and yes, it is getting to be sweater and vest weather [Darcy won't let me wear a vest until Oct.]

Last Sunday, Jason Feldner, as Administrative Council Chair, read a letter from The Wesleyan Covenant Association, related to things happening within the United Methodist Church. This letter was informational, and **not to steer opinions**. Our Bishop Tracey S. Malone posted a response letter and a video on the East Ohio Conference website: eocumc.com. (you may go online and view and read her letter.) Some have asked that we also share her message in church. We will share her concerns, soon. Doing church business during worship time, seems inappropriate, but sometimes necessary. We are all concerned about our Church and its future.

In the past months I have focused my messages from the Books of Acts, and on the work that The Holy Spirit does in the Church and through those who follow Jesus. Hopefully, you have heard me speak about how God empowers us, guides us, and makes us witnesses, to *"make disciples of Jesus."* It is part of our mission statement. Yes! our churches will always have a future and a work to do. Jesus prays for the Church in John 17; He prays for the Apostles and for all who believe their message; that includes us. But, in prayer, we, too pray as God's work continues in the heart of the Southern Hills District in Noble county, and the hearts of all God's people.

I accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior in 1972; never envisioning being a pastor, just simply being involved in being a witness for Jesus. As I grew in faith, I asked my friends to pray that I may have a *"pastor's heart."* I did not know what that meant at the time, and I still am learning what it means to care for people in the deepest way, for all those who the Lord brings my way.

I have served in pastoral ministry since 1981; touched by many people in each congregation in which I have served; you are some of those people. Hopefully, I have touched your lives also, showing you God's love, care and letting you see Jesus in me; I see Jesus in you.

I have served rural and urban churches during the years in ministry, and one thing that I have learned in each setting; is that people need the Lord, and need to be encouraged. We live in a world today, even more so, which tends to easily overlook, disregard, or just simply ignore people. Maybe we have gotten used to being isolated with covid. The work and ministry of the Church, and my task is to bring the least, lost, and the most unlikely into a living, loving, and caring relationship with God. This is an ongoing and unending task. (sometimes overwhelming.)

The work of the Church is never easy, it is time consuming, energy draining, and can cost much (*not just money*); Jesus compared it to carrying *"our cross, and following him."* Crosses are not easy to carry, and a burden. But, beyond the cross, there is also much joy and fulfillment in walking each day with Jesus, who gives us strength, hope and new life.

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Sunday September 18, 2022

- ♦ Sunday Services are on our facebook page: Caldwell UMC Ohio.
- ♦ **This Sunday Service is based on Acts 10:1-21 "What God Has Made Clean"**
- ♦ **Old Testament scripture Psalm 96:7-13**



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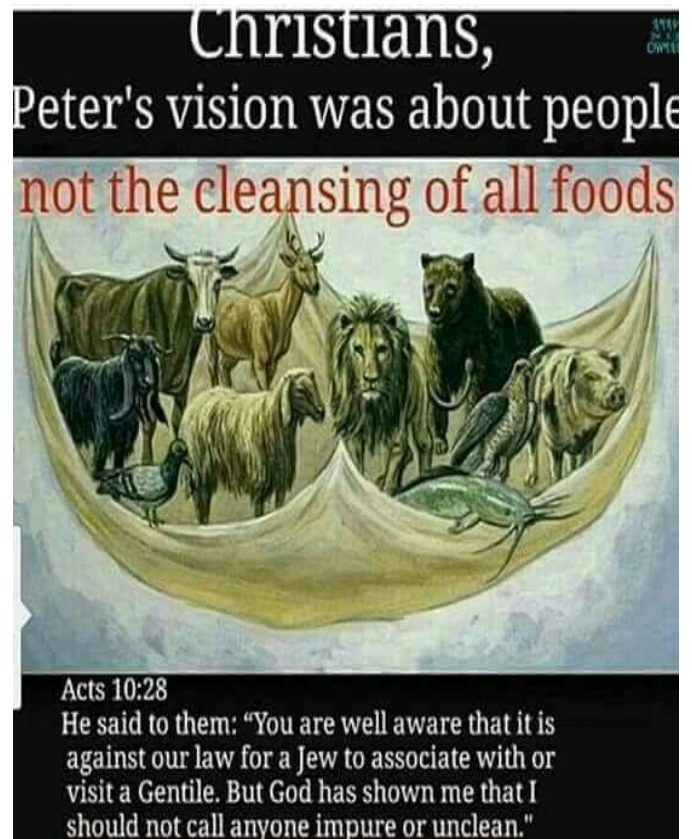
As Jesus promised, God's Spirit empowers us giving us strength to face tomorrow's uncertainties, challenges, disappointments, and hardships; in Jesus we gain the victory, as we continue to serve the Lord.

I have probably shared this before, but I think it is a good description; I envision the Church of the present through a front windshield, not through a rear-view mirror; not just looking back at where we have been, but looking forward, to where we can go. Trying to drive forward, by looking backward, causes accidents with sometimes deadly results.

I know that our denomination, churches, and pastors are constantly changing, with many more changes ahead of us. We will not and cannot fail as long as we walk with Jesus; trust in Him, and know that his prayer, and purpose for the Church still holds true; we cannot fail as long, as we remain faithful in touching people's lives, by loving one another. Remember we are Jesus' disciples Let us walk together in faith, and be people of prayer in mission and ministry.

Thanks for letting me be your Pastor.

Rev. Jeff Coggins



September Birthdays



09/16 Micki Archer
09/18 Nancy Clark
09/20 Angela Davis
09/20 Leah Gruver
09/22 Brooke Zerger



09/17 Ken & Dale Farrar
09/20 Marvin & Joy Feldner



The menu for the September 29th **Christ Shares a Meal** is Pasta Bake with meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, and a dessert.

A Teacher's Prayer

Enable me to teach with Wisdom to help shape the mind. Equip me to teach with Truth to help shape the conscience. Encourage me to teach with Vision to help shape the future. Empower me to teach with Love to help shape the world. Amen.



Name: _____ Date: _____

Psalm 96

G R C T S W Y P R A I S E A Y A R
R F I V L I T R O D N E L P S E Z
E R F F H Z N D L E G M O G J D O
A N Z R L T J G T P T N W O V B A
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K U O C D J Y N K T I C G A V T P
U W W X L O J N E A E J R R E O F
A S S M V C O U L R H V G V R I P
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W I T P I H S R O W O H Y T X O T
Q S A N C T U A R Y H L X J B B Y
K G U T S S E N I L O H G W U K S

CREATION	JUBILANT	REJOICE	HOLINESS
SPLENDOR	WORSHIP	SANCTUARY	GLORY
STRENGTH	MAJESTY	HEAVENS	WORTHY
GREAT	DEEDS	MARVELOUS	DECLARE
PROCLAIM	PRAISE	SONG	SING



Monday Morning Bible Study
at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall

Belpre at CHS

Fri. 9/16 7Pm



Shenandoah at Union Local

Fril 9/16 7PM



Charge Conference will be
Sunday October 2 at 4PM at
Byesville Main UMC

Please remember to mark your calendars Everyone may attend the meeting.
Don't forget you are the Church: Pray, be involved, and help make a difference

SPRC meets at Caldwell Mon. Sept
26 at 6PM

Quilt Drawing

The Church women have made a quilt for sale.

Drawing tickets are available for \$2 each.

Drawing will be Sept 30.

See Judy McMullen for tickets.



Vs. Toledo @ home

Sat. Sept. 17 7PM on FOX

**FEW PEOPLE EVER CARVE THEIR WAY TO
SUCCESS WITH CUTTING REMARKS.**



International Day of Democracy – September 15, 2022

International Day of Democracy on September 15 allows us the opportunity to celebrate and appreciate our democratic society. It's very easy for people who live in a free society to take their freedoms for granted. Yet, when freedom is absent, life includes unimaginable challenges that are often incomprehensible. Democracy is powerful because it gives a voice to its nation's citizens, enabling them to make changes as they see fit.

Our responsibility as citizens to vote is important but we shouldn't go into the voting polls uninformed. Today, take some time to learn about the candidates in upcoming local, state, and federal elections. Make sure the candidates for whom you cast your ballot are actually aligned to your ideals, will serve their constituents, and make decisions for the betterment of the community. A great source to help you become a well-informed citizen is Wise Voter.



Constitution Day – September 17, 2022

On September 17, 1787, 38 delegates signed the Constitution...235 years ago this Saturday! Tasked with revising the existing government, the delegates came up with a completely new one. Wary about centralized power and loyal to their states, they created a powerful central government. Representing wildly different interests and views, they crafted compromises. It stands today as one of the longest-lived and most emulated constitutions in the world.

235 years—1787 to 2022

The Preamble

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week – September 18-24, 2022

When it comes to child safety, it is better to be safe than sorry. Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week highlights the importance of ensuring that all children are properly secured in an appropriate car seat or seatbelt. Road injuries are the leading cause of death for children in the U.S. Proper safety restraints can drastically reduce the likelihood of serious injury or death during a traffic accident. Many people don't know this, but local police departments will gladly do a safety check on your vehicle to ensure that children are being secured properly when riding.



National Voter Registration Day – September 20, 2022

National Voter Registration Day reminds and educates Americans on the voter requirements. You must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, and a current resident of your state. When you see a National Voter Registration Day table or volunteer, you can do more than just register. You can confirm your polling place, update your registration details, or just get information if it all seems a little over your head. Voting — it's all good!

DID YOU KNOW?

Recycle Awareness Week – September 19-25, 2022

Recycling is a good habit. By forming this habit and making it part of your daily routine, you will be one of many contributing to the well-being of our environment.



Did you know that recycling has been around for a long time? People have been recycling since ancient times. The earliest record of paper recycling dates back to 1031 in Japan. During the Heian Period, private estate owners built paper mills, and they reused waste paper to save materials and maximize output. In 1690, America's first paper mill in Philadelphia used old fabrics, clothes, cotton, and linen to make recycled paper.

This mill was in operation until the mid-1800s. During the American Revolutionary War in 1776, the statue of King George III in New York City was demolished, melted, and converted into bullets to aid the war effort. The statue produced approximately 42,088 bullets, and it could have produced more if the head had not been removed and mob members had not requisitioned other parts of the statue.



When compared to making new cardboard, recycled cardboard uses 75% less energy. Recycling one ton of cardboard can save 46 gallons of oil.

Glass can be 100% recycled. Recycling plastic uses 88% less energy than manufacturing it from scratch.



September 17, 1908 - The first fatality involving powered flight occurred as a biplane piloted by Orville Wright fell from a height of 75 feet, killing Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge, his 26-year-old passenger. A crowd of nearly 2,000 spectators at Fort Myer, Virginia, observed the crash of the plane which was being tested for possible military use. Wright himself was seriously injured.

September 20, 1973 - The much-hyped "Battle of the Sexes" took place in the Houston Astrodome as tennis player and women's rights activist, Billie Jean King, defeated self-styled male chauvinist Bobby Riggs in three straight sets. Riggs, a retired tennis champion, had been critical of the quality of women's tennis.

September 22, 1862: President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which ended slavery in the territories held by the Confederacy, effective January 1, 1863. In spite of the ruling, the Civil War would not end for another year and a half after that.

FUN FOOTBALL FACTS

It takes about 600 cows to make one full season's worth of NFL footballs. The Wilson Sporting Goods Company in Ada, Ohio, has been the official football supplier for the NFL since 1941. They make more than 2 million footballs of all sorts every year. Six teams in the NFL don't employ cheerleaders: the Bears, the Browns, the Lions, the Giants, the Steelers, and the Packers. NFL cheerleaders typically make \$50-\$75 a game. However, by the time they spend money on makeup, hair accessories, dance classes, etc., they end up losing money.

FALL BEGINS THURSDAY SEPT 22 AT 9:04 pm

A scripture a day keeps the devil away



The equinox officially ushers in the new fall season and its promise of crisp air, show-stopping fall foliage, and cool evenings just perfect for sitting around a fire pit — or perhaps taking in a half-dozen fall and winter meteor showers.

There are plenty of chances to play in the sunshine before the cold of winter creeps in (the winter solstice is Wednesday, Dec. 21, if you're keeping track on the calendar). Daylight saving time ends Sunday, Nov. 6.

It's a prime time to go to apple orchards. Pumpkins are ripening on the vine. Farmers are cutting mazes into their cornfields to entertain local families. Football season is underway for professional teams and many colleges



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. Our veterans and our world, especially the situation in Ukraine. Our teachers and students and those who assist them. We pray for unspoken requests and those we name in our heart. And for each other.

SEPTEMBER 16 - PROMISE #259

You will find safety in My everlasting arms.
Deuteronomy 33:27

SEPTEMBER 17 - PROMISE #260

I carry your burdens every day.
Psalms 68:19

SEPTEMBER 18 - PROMISE #261

I have called you to inherit My blessing.
1 Peter 3:9

SEPTEMBER 19 - PROMISE #262

If you honor Me with your first fruits, you will overflow with abundance.
Proverbs 3:9-10

SEPTEMBER 20 - PROMISE #263

If you help the poor, your light will shine like the dawn.
Isaiah 58:7-8

SEPTEMBER 21 - PROMISE #264

If you wait for Me, I will renew your strength.
Isaiah 40:31

SEPTEMBER 22 - PROMISE #265

I will give you a peaceful sleep surrounded by safety.
Psalms 4:8



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