

keep in touch



January 12, 2023

I pray everyone is staying healthy. I hear from many in our church and community that they are suffering from Cold, Flu, and Covid related symptoms even though vaccinated and boosted. Please be in prayer for one another, and loved ones. We just cannot seem to shake this thing!

In this new year; we reflect upon life, seeking God to lead us, and work in our lives daily, encouraging, strengthening and guarding our steps along life's pathways. There are many roads we travel; many of us travel daily to work, school, the store, and the occasional visit with family and friends.

Some of life's choices seem easier, and don't cause us much stress: all of life's paths have twists and turns; there are curves sharper than others, but the more we travel the route, it becomes routine and seems safe, even though that which seem safe can be dangerous. Precautions and prayers are needed; many times we forget to pray until we grip the wheel tighter. We pray that God will guide the way.

In the past several years we seem to have been traveling uncharted paths, wondering where the road will lead us. We are coming to a cross-road in our journey; seeking direction and continuing to trust The Lord.

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Last Sunday during morning worship, I announced that I would be retiring at the end of June 30, 2023. I struggled and prayed about this; I was planning to wait until mandatory retirement at 72. We feel that God is allowing us (Darcy and I) to find a path to rent or purchase our first home, to choose a place close to our adult children: Candace, Corinna, Joel, Samantha & our grand daughter Cosette. It is a little scary to think of moving and finding a home to settle down in, but it's time. Please pray for Darcy and me as we seek God's direction. God is not finished with us yet! [My letter requesting retirement submitted in mid-December was approved by Bishop Malone and the Cabinet the first week of January, and will be official June 30, 2023., at East Ohio Annual Conference.]

We all are passengers on life's journey, sometimes we entrust our safe arrival into the hands of others; traveling together can make a trip more enjoyable, together helps us build stronger relationships, or at times frustrate us and cause disagreement, misunderstanding, straining friendships. There are times we take the lead, and help others arrive safely to their destination. Whether we lead or ride along, we can all get there safely. Prayers work in tense situations, as we continue to trust the Lord.

The Bible is filled with examples of people on lifetime journeys of faith: Abraham and Sarah, and their children. Joseph's pathway to Egypt, although not a "dream" vacation; God used him in a great way. Moses and Joshua and the road through the wilderness, on the way to *The Promised Land*; God guided, guarded, protected, and provided throughout the long journey. David and others God used their lives as examples of God's promises.

In the New Testament events: Angels visited; Mary traveled, Joseph and Mary journeyed to Bethlehem. The Magi traveled "*from afar*," following a Star, and then traveled back home, by a "*different way*," because they were warned by God in a dream. Joseph too, warned in a dream rose up in the night, and took Jesus and Mary, on a long journey to Egypt, in order to protect Jesus from King Herod's evil intent; to kill the child.

We need to be reminded that we are not alone on life's journey, the roads we travel, the paths we walk, and the trails we take are overseen by a watchful eye, a listening ear, a guiding hand, and a loving and caring God, who walks with us by faith. Life is not always easy, but God will lead us safely home, now and for eternity.

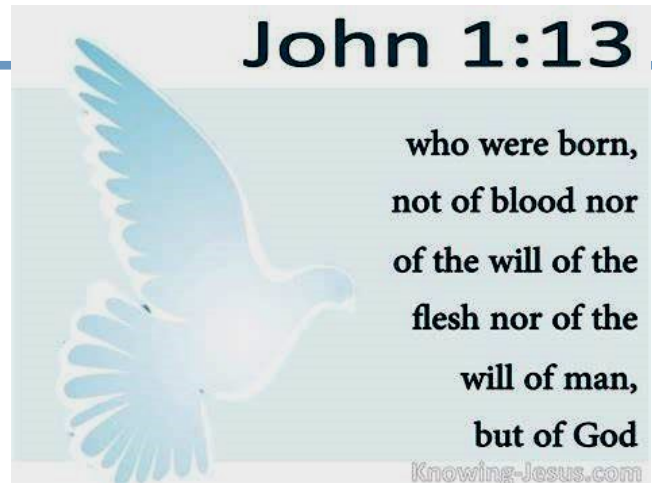
Walking by faith, trusting God, always!

Rev. Jeff Coggins, your Pastor



Sunday January 15, 2023

- ♦ Sunday Services are on our facebook page: Caldwell UMC Ohio.
- ♦ This Sunday Service is based on John 1:6-13 "Become Children of God"
- ♦ Old Testament scripture Psalm 8:3-9



John 1:1-14

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FOLLOWING FATHER'S EXAMPLE A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
EPHESIANS 5:1-2 NIV

BEGINNING	DWELT	JOHN	RECEIVED
BEGOTTEN	FATHER	LIFE	SHINETH
BELIEVE	FLESH	LIGHT	SONS
BLOOD	GLORY	MADE	TRUTH
BORN	GOD	MEN	WITNESS
DARKNESS	GRACE	POWER	WORD



01/13 Cheyenne Foley
01/14 Darren Smith
01/14 Dennis Vadini
01/15 Ellery Spring
01/16 Jeanette Jeffery
01/17 Deloris Ullman
01/18 Justin Archer

01/13 Bob & Nancy Rudge



Ladies
DAY OUT

Thursday January 19

Noon @ Wings, Caldwell



Christ Shares a Meal (CSAM) is back for 2023! The meals will be served the last Thursday of every month, January through October, take-out, 5:00 – 6:00pm. January 26th's CSAM menu is beef chili, corn bread, veggies and dip, and a dessert



Monday Morning Bible Study

Beginning on Monday Jan. 16

9am in the fellowship hall

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"Hi! I've just been told that I'm one of God's children.... Who are you?"



Beginning in January, the church office will only be open on Thursdays from 9-4. Pastor Jeff may be in and out at other times.

Church Service at Caldwell UMC
8am Traditional
10:30 am Blended
9:00am Sunday School

MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES, IT GROWS ON TRIES



DID YOU KNOW?

WHY IS THE DONKEY A SYMBOL OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

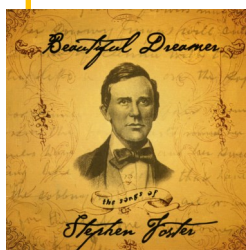
Like most political parties around the world, the Democratic Party has both party symbol and color. However, both the color and the symbol are unofficial and were neither officially selected by the party official nor party members. The origin and use of a donkey as a party symbol is both interesting and controversial. Initially, the symbol was meant to mock and attack Andrew Jackson by his opponents. Instead of becoming irritated and irked by the insults, Andrew liked the comparison and decided to use it for his political gain. He used the symbol of a donkey or jackass as his campaign symbol. His opponents continued using the donkey to represent his stubbornness even while in office, a fact that Jackson agreed with in part. Although the donkey was used as a symbol as early as 1828, Thomas Nast is often credited with making it the symbol of the Democrats. Nast, a political cartoonist, first published a cartoon depicting a live jackass kicking a dead lion in Harper's Weekly in 1870. Nast used the elephant to represent the Republican and a donkey to represent the Democrats. Depending on which side of the political divide one is, the symbol can be interpreted either positively or negatively. To the opponents of the Democratic Party, the mascot is interpreted as lacking intelligence, strength, and often loud and stubborn yet for the Democrats, the donkey is smart, brave, and humble. Blue is considered the color of the Democratic Party while red is the color of the Republican Party. The two colors were popularized by major media houses that used them as color schemes on the electoral map. The Democratic Party has won the presidency 15 times with the first president being Andrew Jackson and the most recent being Joe Biden. The party is headquartered in Washington DC's 430 South Capitol Street SE and has a membership of over 44 million people.

Feast of the Ass Day – January 14, 2023

The Feast of the Ass honors all of the Bible's donkeys, particularly the one thought to have transported Jesus and his family to Egypt following his birth. The family was escaping Herod the Great's assassination of young boys at the time. The Feast of the Ass on January 14 began as a medieval Christian feast, and commemorates the Israelites' flight into Egypt. In ancient cultures, donkeys had a special symbolic and spiritual importance. Nevertheless, their link with Christ in the New Testament has led to them being viewed as a symbol of human suffering and our salvation hopes. The Nubian donkey wears a cross on its back because it is believed that on Palm Sunday, this breed of donkeys brought Jesus to Jerusalem.

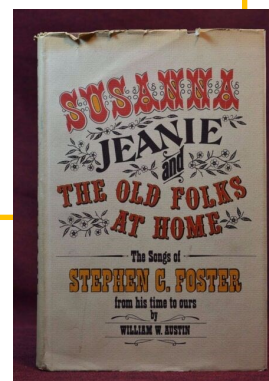


Stephen Foster Memorial Day – January 13, 2023



This "father of American music" influenced various musicians after him, and he was the very first songwriter in America. Foster was born in Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, on July 4, 1826 and died from an accident at his home on Jan 13, 1864. Some of his compositions, include songs like 'Oh! Susanna,' 'Camptown Races,' 'Old Folks at Home,' 'My Old Kentucky Home,' 'Jennie with the Light Brown Hair,' 'Old Black Joe,' and 'Beautiful Dreamer.' Foster's 'My Old Kentucky Home' and 'Old Folks at Home' were adopted as the official state song of Kentucky and Florida respectively. Even for a short amount of time,

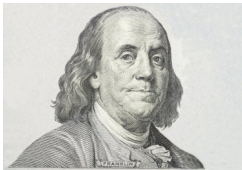
Stephen Foster lived his dream of earning a living from songwriting. He did this at a time when songwriting was not even a career.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 16, 2023



Martin Luther King Day is observed every year on the third Monday of January — on January 16 this year. King was an influential civil rights leader — best known for his work on racial equality and ending racial segregation in the United States. His life and achievements are remembered and celebrated on this day. His values and historical place in American history are discussed and advocated to educate communities and coming generations on the importance of equality and King's influence. During the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, Dr. King delivered his famous "I Have A Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. The demonstration was attended by more than 250,000 people. Though many people are familiar with the famous speech, very few know that the iconic "I have a dream" portion was entirely improvised. He preached to a diverse crowd of supporters his dream for a better and non-violent future. The words, leadership, time, and energy King devoted to civil rights helped end segregation in the United States and worked to eliminate unfair practices throughout the nation that negatively affected the Black community. MLK inspired millions of people in his lifetime and continues to inspire us to this day.



Benjamin Franklin Day – January 17, 2023

Benjamin Franklin Day is celebrated on his birthday, January 17, 1706 every year, to pay tribute to one of the greatest Founding Fathers of the U.S. on the anniversary of his birth. For those of you who did not know how big a deal he was, just take a look at \$100 bills, commonly known as 'Benjamins'. The number of hats Benjamin Franklin wore is mind-boggling, with inventor, author, printer, politician, musician, diplomat, and scientist being but a few. So join us as we dive into the life of this polymath — someone who is an expert in many different subject areas. He was a man of many exceptional talents, and that fact alone is worth celebrating. Not only did he coin the popular saying "Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise," but he also lived by it. Franklin has coined some of the best-loved proverbs and sayings of all time. Some examples include "Better slip with foot than tongue," "Well done is better than well said," "No gains without pains," and our personal favorite, "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." The rich life of Franklin can bring out many valuable lessons for life, particularly from his literary works, which are full of virtues and good habits.

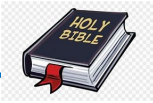


January 16, 1991 - The war against Iraq began as Allied aircraft conducted a major raid against Iraqi air defenses. The air raid on Baghdad was broadcast live to a global audience by CNN correspondents as operation Desert Shield became Desert Storm.

January 17, 1966 - A Hydrogen bomb accident occurred over Palomares, Spain, as an American B-52 jet collided with its refueling plane. Eight crewmen were killed and the bomber then released its H-bomb into the Atlantic.



A Scripture a day...



JANUARY 13 - PROMISE #13

I will give you rest in green pastures and lead you to still waters.

Psalm 23:2

JANUARY 14 - PROMISE #14

I give My Spirit in unlimited measure.

John 3:34

JANUARY 15 - PROMISE #15

I will take hold of your hand to keep you from falling.

Psalm 37:24

JANUARY 16 - PROMISE #16

I will provide every good thing you need to do My will.

Hebrews 13:20-21

JANUARY 17 - PROMISE #17

I will discipline you in love, as a father who loves His children.

Proverbs 3:11-12

JANUARY 18 - PROMISE #18

My power will rest on you when you are weak.

2 Corinthians 12:9

JANUARY 19 - PROMISE #19

I will bless your life and keep watch over you always.

Numbers 6:24



James Naismith, a Canadian American physical educator and innovator, invented the game of basketball in Springfield, Massachusetts in January 1891 to keep his students active during the winter. The game was an immediate success.



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 its 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 all 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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WHAT IS HUMAN RELATIONS DAY?

Human Relations Day is a denomination wide Special Sunday designed to celebrate and raise awareness to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach. Offerings taken are distributed as: 57% of the funds received support community developer programs that strive to build, maintain, promote and strengthen racial-ethnic minority congregations through local UMC congregations. Community developers engage depending on a community's needs.

33% of the funds received support The United Methodist Voluntary Services (UMVS) that serves as a resource to congregations, volunteer-based groups, and programs that challenge unjust political, social, and economic systems which threaten the livelihoods of people.

10% of the funds received support rehabilitation programs for youth.



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