



THE CHIMES 2021

Pastor's Letter

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

*based on
Matthew
28:19*

Greetings Caldwell UMC Family and Friends,

Hope that this week is going well for you, staying warm inside on these cold days; yet enjoying the sunshine, and the warmer temperatures approaching. Spring is on its way.

Here we are in the Lenten season: remember the word *lent* is the Anglo-Saxon word for spring. Soon spring will be here, hopefully with better things ahead, as we move into March and April to the Easter season. In Easter and Christ's Resurrection we find hope and new Life.

It's been a year since we started really being affected by the power of the Covid virus; a year of quarantining, masks, sanitizing, not being together as we would like, and not being able to be with family and friends. It's probably been difficult times for everyone. Some had been sick and hospitalized, and thankfully are recovering, but some loved ones and friends have been taken from us; the numbers are staggering. We continue to pray and look to better days to come.

The Lenten season is a time for us to Reflect upon our lives, and God's Promises.

It is a time for Prayer: seeking God, asking God for guidance and listen to God's voice for an answer; God does speak, if we listen.

Lent is also a time for Fasting; a time for setting aside certain things: skipping a meal, and dessert, or an added luxury for the purpose of finding strength beyond the physical, and trusting God. It is hard to do, and takes discipline.

Lent is a time to Give, at one time called *Alms*: giving funds to those in need. But, I like to remind myself and you, that it is a giving of self: time, things needed for daily survival. We need to show kindness, grace and mercy to those around us, to be more Christ-like, not just in Lent, but always. We should practice the disciplines of Prayer, Fasting, and Giving. I know that I have shared these points before, and I'll probably share them again, because I have to remind myself.

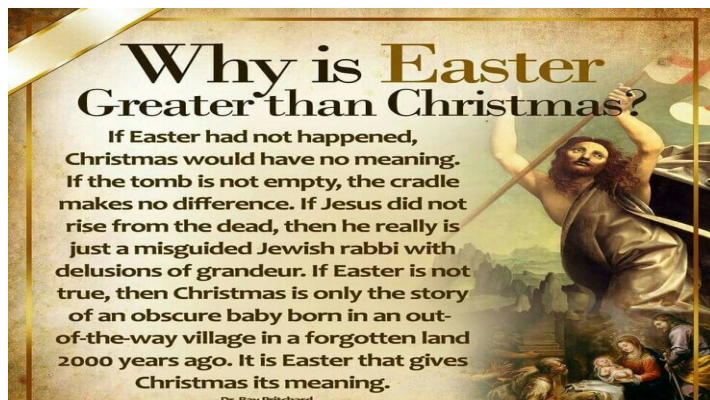
Well, now for a little change of course; Darcy and I have become grandparents for the first time. Our son Joel and his wife Samantha had a daughter. She was born on Darcy's birthday, last week at Midnight. Her name is Cosette, a name meaning "*little thing*". The writer Victor Hugo is said to have invented the name for a character in his book *Les Miserable*. If you haven't read the book, or seen a version of the movie: it is about grace, forgiveness, and redemption.

We have only seen her in pictures, but soon we are going to visit with Joel, Samantha and Cosette; as soon as possible; possibly this weekend. We hardly can wait!

Brad Peoples is preaching this Sunday. Thanks Brad for filling in, but most of all for being available for God to use you.

Peace and Blessings

Pastor Jeff Coggins



Lenten Practices:

Prayer— Schedule time for prayer— Listen and talk to God.

Fasting— Plan to skip a meal, or give up a luxury for a time

Giving— Offer your Time, Talents and Treasures to help those in need. God will bless you.

These three things are called “The Pearls of Faith”

Your acts during the Lenten season help to keep our minds on a positive train of thought, spiritually speaking, and thinking of how God can work in our lives, helping us to help others.

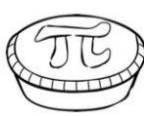
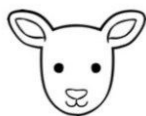
Tasks for the week : Always try to show kindness and love to others. Your words might be filling grace and encouragement



In a study done in 2014, 72% of adults knew what Lent was, and 88% of those participating in Lent were giving up some item of food for 40 days. Chocolate was the number one food most people were willing to give up during Lent.



March Word Search



March

Saint Patrick

Robins

Spring

Shamrock

Rainbow

Lion

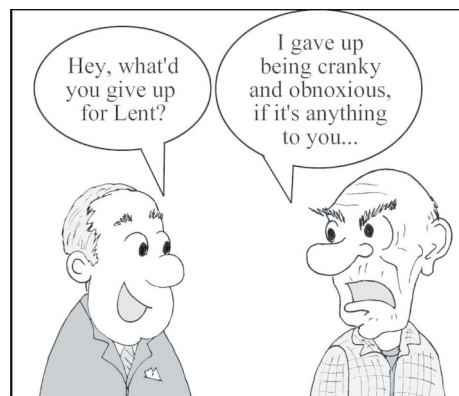
Windy

Pi Day

Lamb

Flowers

Vernal Equinox



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"

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Summit Acres Nursing Home

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Senior Living

Delores Christopher, 7 Summit Court

Marie Buckey – Unit 1, Room 104

Jim & Sue Garvin, Summit Court

Richard Davis – Unit 2

Frances Milligan – 20 Summit Court

Out-of-town shut-in

_ Nellie Poulton – Beckett House, 1280 Friendship Dr., New Concord, Oh 43762



A Message from our

Southern Hills District Superintendent

TEACH
REACH
BLESS

Our East Ohio Conference drive to raise \$1.5 million dollars to build a residence hall for female students at Africa University. “Because of the lack of on-campus housing ... Female students walking to and from the University become potential targets for human trafficking and prostitution. The new residence hall will allow students to live on campus and receive an education in a safe environment.”

What if each congregation in our District contributed \$25, \$50, \$100 or more in 2021 to this “Teach Reach Bless” campaign? A donor in our Conference has pledged a matching gift of one dollar for every three dollars raised in 2021 (up to a total of \$250,000). Even though we began with a 3 year campaign, if we can receive all the money in 2 years, that’s one year sooner when ground can be broken for this dormitory, which will bless women and, in turn, transform communities. Thank you for prayerfully considering this remarkable opportunity to multiply our pennies and dollars to come alongside God’s amazing generosity in Jesus Christ.

Rev. Gail Angel, District Superintendent



03/02 Chole Moorman

03/21 Meryl Williams

03/04 Betty Lowers

03/24 Courtne Morton

03/05 David Ritterbeck

03/28 Zachery Miller

03/09 Alyssa Burrell

03/29 Tony Baker

03/10 David Gruver

03/30 Shelly Kennedy

03/21 Clif & Tonya Little

03/14 Kenneth Farrar

03/30 Dan Sidwell

03/29 Joh & Connie Secrest

03/15 Jacob Feldner

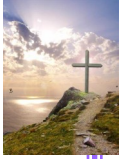
03/31 Jody Parrish-Polen

03/19 Bill Jeffery

Lenten Study Series

There is a Lent Bible Study entitled “**The Path to the Cross**” held at 9am on Sundays beginning Feb. 21 and on Monday’s 9am beginning Mar 1 in the Fellowship hall.

Also a Lent study “**A Case for Easter**” on Wednesdays at 7PM beginning on March 24.



Prayer
Calendar
2021

Today we uplift Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina, a National Mission Institution of United Methodist Women. Bennett College is one of only two all-women’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the United States. It was founded in 1873 in the basement of Warrentonville United Methodist Church

It was founded as a normal school to educate freedmen and train both men and women as teachers. Originally coed, in 1926 it became a four-year women's college.

Please watch for Lenten Devotionals on Wednesday’s during
Lent on our on-line facebook page



After much prayer, consultation, and creative thinking the Camps Committee has decided to move forward with our plans for Summer Camp programs in 2021 at Aldersgate, Asbury and Wanake.

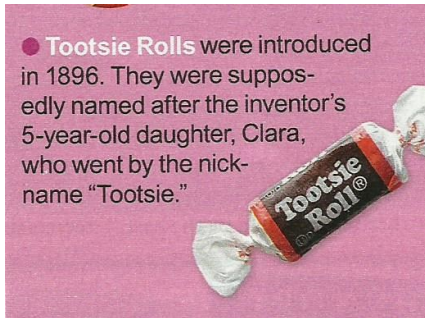
Summer 2021 registration begins online January 29, 2021. Our camp capacity will be reduced this summer due to COVID-19 recommendations. We suggest you register as soon as you are ready to save a spot.

We will be continuing to share sermons on facebook (Caldwell UMC OH)

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



Dr. Seuss's Birthday – March 2

Dr. Seuss's birthday is celebrated on March 2 and it celebrates both the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel and the National Education Association to endorse the importance of reading. A lesser-known fact about Dr. Seuss is that he created the word nerd. The first documented use of the word was in the 1950 book he wrote titled "If I Ran the Zoo" about a boy named Gerald McGrew who visits a zoo and ponders what it would be like if he ran it. So In a way, Dr. Seuss is partly responsible for nerd culture.

National I Want You to be Happy Day – March 3, 2021

It's National I Want You to be Happy Day, on March 3, giving each of us the opportunity to brighten someone's day through simple acts of kindness and selflessness.

MARCH 14–2AM TIME CHANGE...SPRING FORWARD



Because you gave...

	January-20		Y-T-D	Y-T-D
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund:	\$ 9,288.29	\$ 14,051.77	\$ 9,288.20	\$ 14,051.77
Interest from CDs, etc.	\$ 35.94		\$ 35.94	
Total GF	\$ 9,324.23	\$ 14,051.77	\$ 9,324.23	\$ 14,051.77
Building Fund	\$ 120.00		\$ 120.00	
Elevator Fund	\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00	
Local Benevolent Giving	\$ 383.29	\$ 300.00	\$ 383.29	\$ 300.00
Joash		\$ 1,129.32		\$ 1,129.32
Joash BF Savings				
Memorial Fund	\$ 475.00	\$ 107.24	\$ 475.00	\$ 107.24
Special Offerings	\$ 5,820.00	\$ 659.70	\$ 5,820.00	\$ 659.70
Stained Glass Windows	\$ 211.00		\$ 211.00	
Youth Fund Giving				
Total Designated Funds	\$ 7,759.29	\$ 2,196.26	\$ 7,759.29	\$ 2,196.26
Totals	\$ 17,083.52	\$ 16,248.03	\$ 17,083.52	\$ 16,248.03



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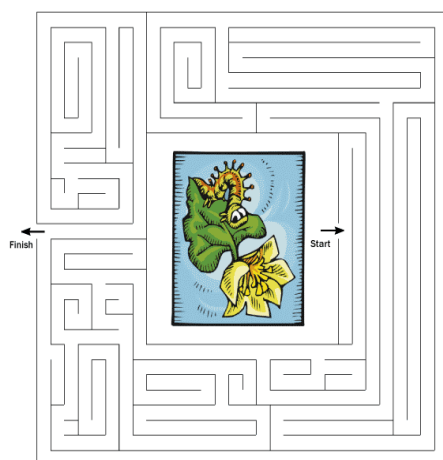
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MARCH



17th-St. Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. He is credited with successfully spreading Christianity throughout Ireland—hence the Christian celebration of his life and name.



**Caldwell United
Methodist Church
proudly supports
our local schools**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Those sick and in quarantine, those hospitalized, 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 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 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

While continuing to pray for all of our members and friends, please take the time to pick up the phone and call someone who is shut-in for whatever reason.

Many are feeling depressed and lonesome during these unique times and a call would be greatly appreciated and only takes a few minutes.

We all need to feel we are still part of the 'family' even as we stay distanced.