



2020

THE CHIMES

Pastor's Page

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

*based on
Matthew
28:19*

"Are you feeling lonely as a result of social distancing? Has your productivity dwindled? Are your attempts at work producing lackluster results? If so, you can thank Shakespeare for your ability to describe what's going on. Shakespeare was known to have created many words for his plays, but the list is more extensive -- and common -- than a lot of people realize. Lonely, lackluster, dwindle, critic, uncomfortable, and surprisingly, skim milk, are among the many words that Shakespeare pulled out of thin air. The Oxford English Dictionary credits Shakespeare with adding nearly 3,000 new words to the language." (via WikiLinks)

Words are important! Shakespeare was considered a wordsmith. Just think of how he influenced literature, culture and language. Who hasn't heard of Romeo and Juliet? What an education we have been given, simply by reading what Shakespeare wrote! What we say is vital. How we say it is even more important especially in these days of social isolation as we communicate more online. I'm asking us all to take a breath and be kind to one another. If someone has communicated something to you and you are unclear as to what they meant, don't jump to conclusions. Ask what they meant. Summarize how what they said made you feel and let them know how your thoughts were gathered. Let them explain. We are all not going to agree on everything, but I would ask us to respectfully "agree to disagree in love." We are all dealing with emotions and situations that we have never dealt with before. Let's give each other the space we need to share our care for one another. This is going to be so important when we come back together for in-person worship. So, pray, relax in God's amazing Word, and respect one another - on and off line!

In Christ's Love,
Rev. Bev

We will be continuing to share sermons on facebook (Caldwell UMC OH) even after the 'shelter-in-place' is lifted.

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

****Reminder****

May 3 is Communion Sunday so please have your own bread and juice ready for the on-line blessing and communion.

Annual Conference

The 51st Session of Annual Conference will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 26 and will conclude by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Sept 27.

Annual Conference members will gather September 26-27 guided by the theme *Bearing Fruit that Lasts: Called, Committed, Connected*. Worship, business, and fellowship will underscore the importance of being connected to God, to our neighbors, and to our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and bearing fruit that lasts.



District Office Notice

Until further notice, Our Southern Hills District Office is not available for drop-in visits, in keeping with recent orders from our Governor. If you want to schedule an essential visit, please email the DS at shillsds@gmail.com or call Rev. Gail Angel on her cell phone 419-864-3790, or try her home phone at 740-255-5273. Mollie is available by cell phone at 740-584-7415. We have plenty of work we are continuing to cover from home and we appreciate all you are continuing to do in offering leadership through these uneasy times! I've started using FreeConferenceCall.com to have meetings with PPR committees and the Cabinet meets by Zoom to continue with appointments and other needed matters.

Youth Annual Conference to Meet Virtually June 14

The Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM) is excited to announce a June 14 live streamed alternative event for Youth Annual Conference 2020.

Our virtual YAC will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 14. We will live stream our keynote speaker, Shane Claiborne, as well as the band, Tribe Collective, who will lead us in a prerecorded time of worship. For those who register for this event and cannot make the scheduled time, you will be able to watch it at your convenience at a later date.

To help enhance this virtual experience, YAC party boxes will be available for youth leaders to purchase, which will include t-shirts, lanyards, key tags, candles, and other items. Boxes are \$15 per person and will be delivered to churches two weeks prior to the June 14 virtual Youth Annual Conference date.

Registration, which includes party box orders, ends May 13, so get your group registered ASAP on our website www.eocumc.com/yac.

Those who have already registered for YAC will be contacted personally.

What to Expect as Church reopens (See *link to Bishop's video Pg 8*)

We do not know when we will resume "in-person" worship. Rest assured we will update you and get the word out when we will be back in our sanctuary again. Things will be different, at least for the first several weeks. Come whenever you feel comfortable in doing so. We will consider your safety first and foremost. Practice common sense. If you are sick in any way, please do not attend worship. We will continue to share our sermons online, even after "shelter in place" is lifted.

When we do come back to worship, here are somethings we will do to protect you!

We will need a "soft" reopening. Everyone may return when they feel comfortable.

1. A sign will be posted on every entrance door reminding people that if they are sick or have a fever, they should not attend.
2. We will offer masks for folks to wear and then take home. You may choose to bring your own mask if you want. Masks will be optional but they are meant to protect those who are most vulnerable.
3. Hand sanitizer will be available in many locations in the building.
4. Nursery will not be offered in the first few weeks.
5. Jr. Church will not be offered for the first few weeks.
6. We will not pass the peace of Christ.
7. We will not take up an offering (the plates will be on a table in the back and a set in the front for people to put their offerings in.)
8. We will not pass clip boards around. One person will man the clipboard and take the names, verses anyone doing their own name.
9. Rev. Bev will still be in the back, acknowledging people but will not shake hands or hug.
10. Communion will be offered in small, disposable cups and bread that has already been cut up - by gloved hands. (More details to follow)
11. No bulletins for the first 2 weeks - we will offer the bulletins on-line and you may print one for your own use.
12. We will continue an on-line presence.
13. The Trustees will plan a work day to sanitize everything before we open.
14. The custodians will be briefed about the extra measures they need to observe when cleaning.
- 15 Bible Studies/small groups can meet at their discretion. We can offer Zoom meetings if needed.
16. All Bibles and hymnals will be taken out of the pews.
17. One service will be offered to begin with.
18. Someone will monitor our restrooms to keep them clean as they have been used. If you have gloves, please use them especially in the restrooms. Don't forget to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds!

These recommendations come from Rev. Bev, in consultation with several nurses who attend our church. We want to be as safe as possible for everyone!



7 WAYS TO LOVE THY NEIGHBOR IN A PANDEMIC



Rally your block or street around a way to care for First Responders

Have every household in your church reach out to people on their block, select a specific way to care for First Responders, get everyone involved in the effort.



Chalk Art on every sidewalk and driveway.

Every household writes words of encouragement, scripture passages and things they are thankful for. Leave chalk for other people to write things (including ways for them to hold it in a safe way).



Blessing Bags

Have every household in your church put together a Blessing Bag that would be meaningful to people where they specifically live. Each person gives 30 of them out to neighbors around them.



Coordinated Prayer Walks

Have every small group in your church coordinate a time when the people in that group are going to go on a Prayer Walk in their neighborhood at the same time. Do a virtual meet up time afterward to debrief and continue to pray for breakthrough.



Set aside their Stimulus Check

Encourage everyone in your church to pray about setting aside their stimulus check for when their neighbors might be in need. As opportunities arise, have them use the funds to serve and bless those around them.



Be Present in the Front Yard Twice a Week

For those who have a front yard, encourage everyone in the church to spend an hour there 2X's a week. Maybe do dinner in lawn chairs or have cornhole boards set up. Talk to people as they pass by.



Social Distancing Coffee or Happy Hour

Have every person in your church do a Saturday morning social distancing coffee hour or Friday Night Happy Hour on their block. When people gather, have people share peaks and pits from their week. Follow up with people for specific prayers.

When everything seems to go wrong .
... just P.U.S.H.!

When the job gets you down just
P.U.S.H.!

When people don't react the way you
think they should just P.U.S.H.!

When your money looks "gone" and
the bills are due just P.U.S.H.!

When people just don't understand
you just P.U.S.H.!

P= Pray

U= Until

S= Something

H= Happens

♦ Most of today's news is too true
to be good.

♦ Miracle drugs are nothing new.
Moses had two tablets that
could cure the world's ills.

♦ Those who pray only when in
trouble at least know where to
turn for help.

Have a beautiful day!

Notes

- ♦ Upper Room and Our Daily Bread books for May-June 2020 are available in the church office. If you cannot come in to get it please use this link for Upper Room devotionals: https://www.upperroom.org/special-editions?fbclid=IwAR1tmUaHn2_Ev_C8VotHxcdQ-RwMYKN0ppyBJxnQgvN0BfEtKLpMg0ZMIs
- ♦ Sunday Services are on our facebook page, Caldwell UMC Ohio. This Sunday's sermon will be based on Acts 2:42-43, "The Fellowship of Believers"



Emma Carpenter

Leslie Pfeffer



Sephrenia Parrish

Andrew Gregg

Matthew Miller

Through the COVID-19 Response Fund, UMCOR is committed to:

- Reducing food insecurity
- Providing water and sanitation facilities
- Strengthening health care systems

Responding to economic instability

Your response, today, can make that happen!



Together, we can quickly provide critical and tangible support to those most affected by COVID-19.

If you are able, please give, today.

To give by check, please send checks payable to Advance GCFA to:

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NEW YORK, NY 10087-9068

The Blessing Box is being used! Thank you for your faithful and diligent efforts in keeping the Box full. We've added a sign to remind people to be kind to one another, especially as our quarantine continues. Pray for those who need this food. Pray for those who give this food. Thank you for your generosity.



Charge Conference
is scheduled for
Sunday, Oct 25, 2020 2 p.m.
at the church



Thank you all for your faithfulness in giving over the past few weeks. We know it is difficult, but God will see us through. Your generosity is amazing. Continue to pray. Continue to give when you are able. Thank you for remembering the church with your tithes and offerings!

There will not be a “**Keep in Touch**” edition this week. Everything will be found in this expanded Chimes Newsletter.

Thank you for your kind words of encouragement concerning the publishing of the Keep in Touch weekly letters.

The weekly Keep in Touch letters have been going to Email addresses only. If you or someone you know would like to get the publication please let me know your email address so I can add you to the list.

Thank you and God Bless,

Patty

Special Prayer Time

During this time of crisis we need to be especially mindful of praying for all those effected throughout the world.

Please take a minute to join in a **Special Moment of Prayer** each day at **3:16 PM** in reference to John 3:16 "For God so loved the world..."

May 2 is National Day of Prayer

Be sure to join in that day at 3:16pm

May God Richly Bless You All



A Message from the Pastor

Maybe is a strange word, isn't it? We are living in the "Maybe" world of a pandemic. Maybe, by definition, means, "something that is not known for certain." Right now, we have a lot of maybes. Maybe, we will be able to reopen the church in May. Maybe, we will once again be able to shake hands and hug and stop practicing "social distancing." Maybe, Jerry will get everything done in our home in North Carolina, so I can move at the end of June, as planned. Lots of "maybes," not so many certainties!

With Annual Conference being postponed until the end of September, I did not know what that would mean for my retirement. The Bishop confirmed that I will retire, as planned, with my last day at Caldwell as June 21 (Father's Day). My move out day is June 23. We could certainly use some help packing the moving van on Monday, June 22. We are doing another U-Haul, so it is just us. We don't have much left in the parsonage, but there are always lots of books! So any time, any help, would be greatly appreciated. We pick up the van on Monday morning in Byesville at 10 a.m. Pastor Jeff Coggins and his wife Darcy are moving into the parsonage on June 30. His first Sunday will be July 5. Please welcome them, as you did Jerry and I and make them feel at home! They will love and care for you, no maybes about it!

There are no words to say - we have 7 weeks left together. I had so many ideas to share with you! So much ministry to do. But God is in charge and God knew what 2020 held - even before I knew I was going to retire. So, pray that the "maybes" will end and we can once again worship together, if only briefly.

I will say that out of all the uncertainty, doing worship online has expanded our witness and it will be continued even after we come back together. That is one way God has enabled us to "enlarge our territory," and meet people who cannot come to church services. God used this shut down for His glory. Maybe, we will learn more faith, more kindness, and adapt new priorities moving forward. You see, maybe can also mean "hope." I hope, we will learn from this and take all of the positive lessons to heart. That's a maybe, I'm giving over to God and letting Him complete it!

In Christ's Love,

Rev. Bev

Services in May

May 3 - Acts 2:42-43, "The Fellowship of Believers," Communion - We will again be online, so have your own elements (bread and juice) available.

May 10 - Mother's Day, Ephesians 3:16, "My Heart, Christ's Home."

May 17 - Genesis 7:1-5 and Genesis 9:13-17, "Noah," This is a clown skit - it will be used even on-line.

May 24 - 1 Peter 4:12-14, "Tests"

CONCERNS

**NOVA LEE SHARP—TERRY & MANDY MILLER— GREG & MINDY BROOKER—
BRITTNEY MACKEY WILSON—MARYANN CLARK—DEE LAHUE—
JANE NISWONGER—BETTY WILSON—RANDY SAILES—CLARA EDITH SMITH—
LAURA HICKMAN—KITTY ZERGER—RENA YOUNG—JEAN SNODE—
GARY EDGAR—JANET MURREY—JIM & SUE GARVIN—KATHY CROCK—
MICHELLE MARTIN—BELINDA POWELL—DICK DAVIS— DWAIN & JAYNE DAVIS—
-JULIA HALL—CAROL & GARY—PAUL GILL—KATHLYN MAXWELL—JAMES
POLEN—SARA BARNHART—CHRISTOPHER IRVIN (Military) - RUTH GARRETT—
DEAN BANKS—KATHLEEN KEYLOR—JON IRVIN—ARLENE WINKLER—
ED DITCH—RUTH MCELFRISH—NELLIE POULTON—PRISONERS & STAFF AT NCI**

Please keep all our church family in your prayers as well as all those suffering from the effects of the coronavirus while coping with everyday life in an all-new perspective.

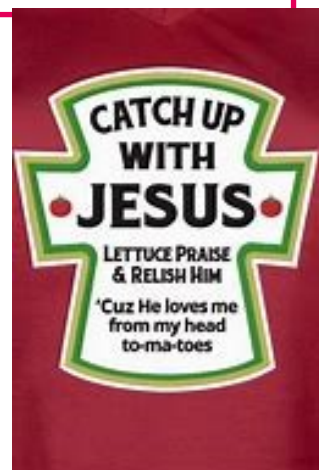


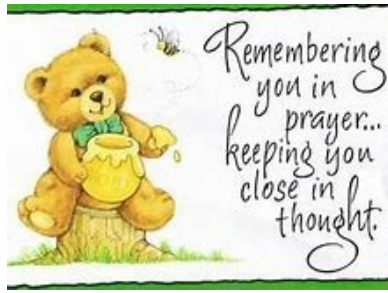
Video Message from the Bishop

Please use the link below to get the Bishop's video about

Reopening the churches:

<https://vimeo.com/413261163>





SUMMIT ACRES NURSING HOME

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Caldwell, OH 43724

Marie Buckey
Unit 1—Room 104
B: February 1
Phone: 732-4671

Richard Davis
Assisted Living
B: January 16

Ruth McElfresh
Speret, Room 219B
B: September 24
Ph: 714-213-9707

Jean Snode
Speret, Room
B: July 26

Becky Stoffer
Unit #1 - Room 123
Birthday: May 1

Pat Vogel
Unit 1, Room 104
B: October 18

SENIOR LIVING

Dolores Christopher
7 Summit Court
Caldwell OH 43724
B: November 22

Jim & Sue Garvin

Summit Court
Jim's B—Oct. 22
Sue's B—May 12

Frances Milligan

20 Summit Court
Ph: 740-305-5287
B: February 6

OUT-OF-TOWN SHUT-INS

Nellie Poulton

Beckett House
1280 Friendship Dr
New Concord, OH
B: June 20



01 – Rebecca Stoffer
02– Macy Crock
03– Kali Carpenter
04– Ed Crock
04 – Heather Jo Merry
11 — Jill Baker
11– Terry Miller
11- Molly Moore

12– Lana Anderson
12– Sue Garvin
16– Jean Monk
20– Kimberly Archer
20– Chad Moore
22– Zoey Crock
25– Tonya Little
27– Stephon Poulton
29– Fern Pickenpaugh
29– Brandon Travis
29– Walter Withers
31– Zac Little
31– John Secrest



02– Drew & Joletta
Palagyi
05 – Gary & Wilma Edgar
29 – Terry & Mandy
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	MARCH		Y-T-D	Y-T-D
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund:	5,600.85	12,499.70	25,989.68	37,783.20
Interest from CDs, etc.	33.06	0.00	96.96	0.00
Total GF	5,633.91	12,499.70	26,086.64	37,783.20
Building Fund	60.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
Elevator Fund	285.00	0.00	3,111.00	156.82
Local Benevolent Giving	293.63	330.00	1,356.00	960.00
Joash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Memorial Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Offerings	199.71	0.00	925.71	1,456.91
Stained Glass Windows	298.00	0.00	2,165.55	0.00
Youth Fund Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Designated Funds	1,136.34	330.00	7,858.26	2,573.73
Totals	6,770.25	12,829.70	33,944.90	40,356.93
	6,770.25	12,829.70		