



2020

THE CHIMES

The Pastor's Page: Awesome or Aggravating April?

Welcome to Spring! It is awesome to hear the birds singing and see the beautiful flowers budding. We are getting warm temperatures and spring rains. Can't wait for Easter! But with the COVIN-19 precautions, April may be aggravating too. We are trying to "worship" as usual but this virus is not usual, is it? Our weather keeps changing! One day, we have mild temperatures and the next snow. So, it is aggravating all the way around. It depends on our perspective, doesn't it? Is April going to be awesome – or will it be aggravating?

At this point, I will tell you that right now, we will not be celebrating in person worship on Palm Sunday, April 5. We intend to have a drive-through service at 10am (outdoors, weather permitting) on Easter, April 12. Plans for that are outlined later in this newsletter. We are canceling the Passover Dinner. Our Palm Sunday and Easter

plans may change, depending on what happens with the virus and the rules concerning meeting in worship. We will bring you necessary updates in a timely fashion.

We were going to do the Joash Chest Offering for the Stained-Glass Windows this year. You can still give to this project by sending a check to the church at 537 Main Street, Caldwell, OH 43724 and mark it "JOASH." Since we are unable to worship together on April 5th, the JOASH offering will be received in the weeks that follow.

Remember, our work continues in spite of not being allowed to meet. We are live-streaming our services on Facebook and will continue to do so until we are able to meet in person. We are checking in with those who are sick and those who are shut-in. Please know we are available to pray with you and for you. The church doors are open

on Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – not for worship, but for prayer. We are also opening the church at 6 p.m. Sunday evenings for prayer. That prayer will also be posted on the church Facebook page. We are trying to send the links to these posts to as many of you as possible. If you get the link, please do not hesitate to click on it (in spite of its wording). We are in new territory and we are trying to learn new things as fast as possible. We do not have a license to record hymns and show that on-line, so that is why our service is prayers and a sermon rather than someone playing the piano. Other churches have different licenses, so they may share a choir piece or a hymn on-line. We are doing what we can, when we can. If you have prayer concerns or needs, please call the church office, 740-732-4033, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sometimes we take life for

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

based on Matthew 28:19

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granted. It's great to have a choice whether or not to attend church, or see a ball game, or go out to eat, or see a movie. Right now, we do not have a choice. We simply can't do those common, everyday things we are so used to doing. God is in charge. Things will eventually get back to normal. Will you still do things the same way? Will you come to worship with a new perspective? Will you see the opportunity to eat in a restaurant or go to a movie theater as a gift from God rather than a plain, everyday occurrence? Perhaps God is asking us to think differently?

Let's go from aggravated to aware to awe-inspired! Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV) reminds us that God loves us and has plans for us: *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."*

Let's continue to seek God! Let's continue to thank God! Let's continue to BE the church. Amen.

In Christ's Abundant
Love,
Rev. Bev Hall



Palm Sunday—Apr 5

"Jesus is the King of Kings
and the Lord of Lords"

Friday, May 15 7PM



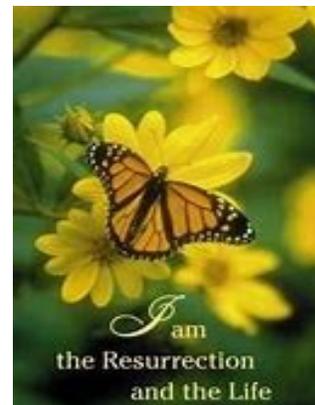
Ava UMC 2020 Concert Series

Presents:

Time Lovelace

Comedian, singer, songwriter, TV host and all around funny guy with a message.

Songs like "Don't sit in my Pew" and "Living in a Coffee World" will tickle your funny bone!



Easter Sunday — April 12

10am Drive-in Service

"I Am the Resurrection"

Butterfly release after the Service

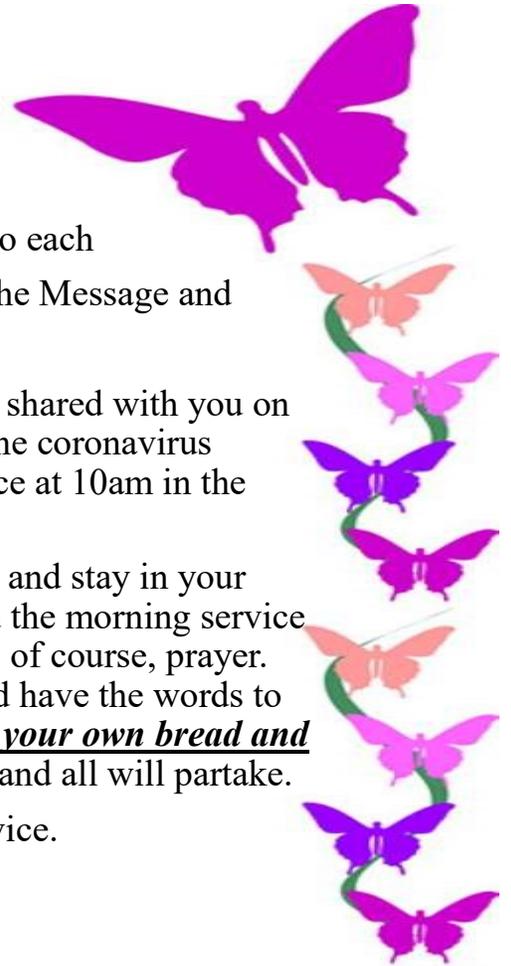
SPECIAL NOTICE

In this time of uncertainty and change,
We, the Church, have also had to make sacrifices.
Not having regular Sunday Services is a big sacrifice.
Please know that we are trying to continue ministering to each
of you, and are trying new ways of reaching you with The Message and
Words of encouragement and hope.

Our Lenten and Palm Sunday Services have been shared with you on FaceBook. As of this writing, and still in deference to the coronavirus guidelines, we **will** be having a DRIVE-IN Easter Service at 10am in the church parking lot on Sunday April 12.

How this will work is this: You drive in and park and stay in your cars, Rev. Bev will be there on microphone to bring you the morning service complete with singing, scripture, offering, message and, of course, prayer. There will be bulletins so you can follow the service and have the words to the songs. Communion *will* be observed. **Please bring your own bread and juice.** The Pastor will consecrate those from a distance and all will partake.

Butterflies will be released at the close of the service.



VOLUNTEERS FOR

April 2020

19-Kristina Parrish

26-Tracy Christ



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19—Debbie Butler, Raegan Feldner

26—Jody Parrish-Polen, Leslie Pfeffer

Services in April

Apr 5—**Palm Sunday** “Jesus is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords”,
Matthew 27:11-37

Apr 12—**Easter/Communion** “I Am the Resurrection”, John 11:17-26

Apr 19—”A Living Hope!”, 1 Peter 1:3-9

Apr. 26—Guest Speaker, TBA

Calendared Events for April:

Sunday, the 5th—**Palm Sunday**

Wednesday, 15th—**SPRC**

Thursday, 16th—**Night of Meetings**

Sunday, 12th—**Easter**

Thursday, the 30th—**Christ Shares a Meal**

Notes:

Please know that the www.secretary4him@frontier.com is still the email for the church and Patty, the new secretary. If you get a link from us it will be ok to click on it.

Find Rev. Bev’s sermons on facebook at Caldwell UMC Ohio.

And the church web page is www.caldwellohumc.org/



2020 VBS

July 19-22 from 6-8pm

BACKPACK PROGRAM

The **Weekend Backpack Program** is running smoothly. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join the team to pack. We typically pack on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am, and are finished in less than half an hour. Come join us and see what it is all about. Have questions? Feel free to call Jeri King (410)231-4839.

Also if you have extra plastic bags to get rid of, please drop off at the church.



SUMMIT ACRES NURSING HOME

44565 Sunset Rd
Caldwell, OH 43724

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

Richard Davis
Unit 2
B: January 16

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

Jean Snode
Speret,
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

Rena Young
Unit 2, Room 201
B: Sept 5

LOCAL SHUT-INS

Leona Miracle
Willow Arms—Apt. 3
Ph: 740-732-2567

OUT-OF-TOWN SHUT-INS

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

Join in prayer for our
**Nursing Home
Ministry**



- 01-Michael Bettinger
- 05-Gary Edgar
- 07-Ian Withers
- 13-Clara Edith Smith
- 14-Madison Carpenter
- 15-Breanna Sawyer
- 15-Ashlee Tominey
- 16-Joyce Withers

- 17-MaryJane Anderson
- 17-Brad Bettinger
- 17-Patricia Clark
- 20-Larry McCullough
- 23-Mike Bettinger
- 27- Drew Palagyi
- 30-Don Ullmann

- 05-Jill & Tony Baker
- 06-Wanda & Andrew Lowers



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worship!*

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www.caldwellohumc.org

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	February		Y-T-D	Y-T-D
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund:	11,041.12	12,631.35	21,164.92	25,279.44
Interest from CDs, etc.			29.90	
Total GF	11,041.12	12,631.35	21,194.82	25,279.44
Building Fund	120.00	0.00	246.30	0.00
Elavator Fund	900.00	0.00	3,226.00	0.00
Local Benevolent Giving	435.04	330.00	962.88	660.00
Joash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Memorial Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Offerings	0.00	8.15	132.80	910.13
Stained Glass Windows	631.25	0.00	1,743.80	0.00
Youth Fund Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Designated Funds	2,086.29	338.15	6,311.78	1,570.13
Totals	13,127.41	12,969.50	27,506.60	26,849.57