



THE CHIMES

Pastor's Page: Faithful in February

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

*based on
Matthew
28:19*

One of my favorite Bible verses is Colossians 2:7, *"rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."* (NIV)

What better way to live our lives than to be faithful to God? I read several blogs every day. One that I particularly like is called: **Prayer + Possibilities** by Kathryn Shirey. Her latest post talked about a need for deep down soul cleansing. She included a "prayer template," she labeled the P.A.S.T. system. She wrote, "With Lent approaching - a time of penitence and reflection about our faith - I got to thinking how often we put off taking a 'spiritual bath'. How often do you come before God in your prayers to ask for spiritual cleansing? We accumulate the 'dirt' of the world every day. In the words of the Prayer of Confession in the Book of Common Prayer, we continually sin in 'thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.' Maybe you pray a prayer like this on Sunday mornings, but does your heart need a deeper

scrubbing? Do you need to take some time to really lay it all before God and ask for his cleansing? Over these next several weeks, as we approach Lent, I'll be sharing some ways you can lean into this season to reflect on your faith and open your heart for God to do more of His work in your life. I pray you'll find some ways to make this a Holy Lenten season - a season of spiritual renewal and rebirth. This week, I'm sharing a template for praying a cleansing prayer for your soul. The P.A.S.T. prayer will help you ask God for purification and cleansing from all the 'dirt' in your life, laying all your shortcomings at the foot of the cross."

Shirey goes on to explain the meaning of P.A.S.T.: **P**raise, **A**cknowledge, **S**upplication, **T**hanksgiving. We need to praise God in every circumstance of our lives. We need to acknowledge our sinfulness and ask God to forgive us. We need to get down on our knees (physically if possible - spiritually always) and humbly ask God to renew and restore us - that's supplication. Of course, we need to end our cleansing

prayer with thanksgiving for all that God has done and continues to do - in spite of us and through us. When we do all these things, God is faithful - God loves us with an everlasting love - and we will be cleansed from the inside out. Think of this as a bubble bath for your soul (OK, for you gentlemen, an invigorating shower).

In February, as we approach Lent, I want you to know that I am praying for each and everyone of you. In February, we think of love - and hearts abound - in decorations, cards, and our minds. Think of God's love and His faithfulness, which endures forever. Every time you see a heart, please pray for the cleansing of your soul as well as pray for others around you. That's how we practice our faith - and how we renew our minds because we are rooted and grounded in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

In Christ's Love,
Rev. Bev



Most of you already know, but I wanted to make certain to include everyone in the news. As much as I love Caldwell and have grown spiritually here, the demands of full-time ministry have taken a toll on me physically. I am retiring at the end of Annual Conference this year. Jerry has already moved to Lenoir, North Carolina, where we have a home that we purchased several years ago. We had been renting it, but our tenant moved out the first week of January. The

rental agency told us they could not rent it out “as is,” and that we would have to fix it up. Jerry and I prayed about our decision, and it became obvious that if we want to have a home there, we would need to fix it up – for us, not another tenant. Jerry moved his belongings out of the parsonage on January 14 and he is now permanently residing in Lenoir, living in a “work zone,” as he transforms our house into our home. The Conference and District prayerfully worked to bring you your next pastor, Jeff Coggins, who will begin his ministry with you on July 1, 2020. I will continue to be your pastor until after Annual Conference. Please pray for our church, the Cabinet, our District Superintendent, our Bishop, and Jerry and I. Thank you for all you have done for me and for your prayerful (and practical) support.

UMC Friends,

The past 4 months have been depressing, but with all your kindness, visits, meals and calls I've finally made it through the worst. Also, having a great doctor helps!

Last week he said the tendons have finally covered over with new cells, and I can take the scooter back to its home. He winked at me and said, “No dancing!” He also has been a blessing!

Each of you, please accept my gratitude and thanks for your PRAYERS and many concerns. Our Great God showed me the way to sit still for all those months. I look forward to Spring and all the new blooms that will arrive.

Lastly, I must share how the true friendship & kindness of Jackie Wilson that amazes me. She stayed at my home after both surgeries and worked super hard.

With love to all,

Report on the Trustee Fund Raiser Dinner!

Thank you for your support in making this fundraiser such a success.

From the Silent Auction for the Stained Glass Windows: \$299.00

Cleared for the Elevator Fund was: \$2,019.18



Caldwell UM Church

537 Main St., Caldwell

Last Thursdays of the Month

Serving from 4:30 to 6:00 PM

If you need more information, or would like to help as a contributor or volunteer, contact the :

Church Office: Ph: 740-732-4033

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VOLUNTEERS

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Bryan & Becky Powell

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Betty Lowers and Connie
Secretst

Brown Plate Ushers

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February 2020

02— Micki Archer & Bonnie McAfee

09— Laura Miller & Amanda Gray

16— Kristina & Sephrenia Parrish

23—Tracy Christ



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Services in February

Sunday, Feb. 2, “Boast in the Lord,” 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. Communion Services.

Sunday, Feb. 9, “The Spirit of God,” 1 Corinthians 2:1-12. Scout Sunday.

Sunday, Feb. 16, “Co-Workers in Christ,” 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Sunday, Feb. 23, Transfiguration Sunday. “Carried Along by the Holy Spirit,” 2 Peter 1:16-21

Wednesday, Feb. 26, Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

Calendared Events for February:

- * **Youth Group**—Sundays from 3-5pm
- * **Sunday evening Bible Study @ 6:30**—Disciple Bible study
- * **Monday morning Bible Study** at 9—*The God We Know*
- * **Tuesday evening Bible Studies** at 7—*Encounter the Holy Spirit*
- * **Worship Team Meeting**—Sunday, the 2nd @ 9am
- * **Communion Services**—February 2
- * **Ladies Night Out**—Lori’s Family Restaurant, Wednesday, the 5th @ 5:30
- * **SPRC Team Meeting**—Wednesday, the 12th at 7pm
- * Thursday, the 13th—**Night of Meetings**
- * Wednesday, the 19th—**Nursing Home Ministry @ 6:30**
- * Thursday, the 20th—**Ladies’ Day Out**—meet at Wings at noon
- * Thursday, the 27th from 4:30—6—**Christ Shares a Meal**
- * Saturday, the 22nd from 9:00am to 1:30pm—A simulation & discussion on **Understanding Poverty** (a light lunch will be provided for \$5)



Have you noticed the big plastic Coke bank in the sanctuary (by the coffee table)? It is marked “Change for a Change.” Whenever you can, drop in your spare change. This collection will be for our elevator project. We don’t expect to build

the elevator out of your spare change, but every penny counts! So, pray and give and let’s see how much we can raise simply through the change we carry in our purses and pockets.

The East Ohio Conference launched a new fund-raising campaign to build a women’s dormitory at Africa University. “Reach, Teach, Bless” is the title of this new campaign. Keep this in your prayers and if led by God to give, make certain you put *Reach, Teach, Bless* on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR FEBRUARY BACK PACK DRIVERS:

Feb. 07 —Judy James

February 13 (Thursday)—Tonya Little

February 21—Scott & Connie Gallagher

February 28—?



SUMMIT ACRES NURSING HOME

44565 Sunset Rd
Caldwell, OH 43724

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

Jim & Sue Garvin
Assisted Living—Room 306
Jim's B—Oct. 22
Sue's B—May 12

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 LOVING

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

Richard Davis
14 Summit Court
B: January 16

Frances Milligan
20 Summit Court
Ph: 740-305-5287

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 our
**Nursing Home
Ministry**
Every 3rd Wednesday
of the month at 6:30



01 - Tim Niswonger
02 - Connie Gallagher
02 - Dannee Sidwell
07 - Gary Spring
10 - Darlene Cantor
11 - Jason Feldner
12 - Mikayla Lowers
15 - Ramona Barnes

15 - Irene Clift
18 - Connie Hesson
20 - Beverly Ralston
22 - Geneva Moore
23 - Wilma Edgar
24 - Christina Merry
27 - Patsy Truax
28 - Breanna Rohrbaugh



13 - Dave & Lana
Anderson
19 - Larry & June
Harless
22 - Charles & Ruth
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	December		Y-T-D	Y-T-D
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund:	12,885.89	12,763.69	146,383.37	165,747.26
Interest from CDs, etc.	7.13		202.43	0.00
Total GF	12,893.02	12,763.69	146,585.80	165,747.26
Building Fund	145.59	0.00	1,986.72	0.00
Elevator Fund	1,035.00	2,500.00	10,760.00	12,500.00
Local Benevolent Giving	493.01	950.00	3,988.49	4,400.00
Joash	0.00	0.00	2,075.00	0.00
Joash BF Savings	0.00	0.00	3,295.00	0.00
Memorial Fund	0.00	0.00	4,370.00	7,128.40
Special Offerings	323.57	1,054.32	11,579.77	7,847.66
Stained Glass Windows	6,409.21	0.00	12,378.23	1,054.96
Youth Fund Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Designated Funds	8,406.38	4,504.32	47,138.21	32,931.02
Totals	21,299.40	17,268.01	193,724.03	198,408.58