

THE CHIMES  
2023



Pastor's Message:

Devotion: Advent

The gospel of Mark chapter 13, verses 34 through 37 read as follows:

“It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the door-keeper to be on watch. Therefore, keep awake- for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you all: Keep awake.”

Jesus here is talking about his second coming, his return to this world. This week, we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. Growing up, I never knew what Advent was. I knew about Christmas, but Advent was foreign to me. But Advent simply means, a time of waiting for someone (or something) to arrive. The Advent before Christmas reminds us of the time when the people eagerly awaited the Messiah of God to be revealed to them, an event coming to fulfilment on Christmas. However, we are still in a second Advent now, my brothers and sisters. We are in advent for the return of Christ.

We eagerly await his return, like those who await the return of their master in the verses above. Do you live as if you are in great anticipation of the arrival of Christ? This Advent/Christmas season, take some time to think about what it means to be ready for Christ to return. Are you excited? Nervous? Something else? Let's all think about what it means to be living in advent.

*Blessing of the Season*

*Pastor Andrew*



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

*based on  
Matthew 28:19*

## Sunday Dec 3, 2023

- ◆ Sunday Services on facebook page: Caldwell UMC Ohio.
- ◆ This Sunday's sermon is based on Isaiah 64:1-9 "Hope"
- ◆ Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 80:1-7

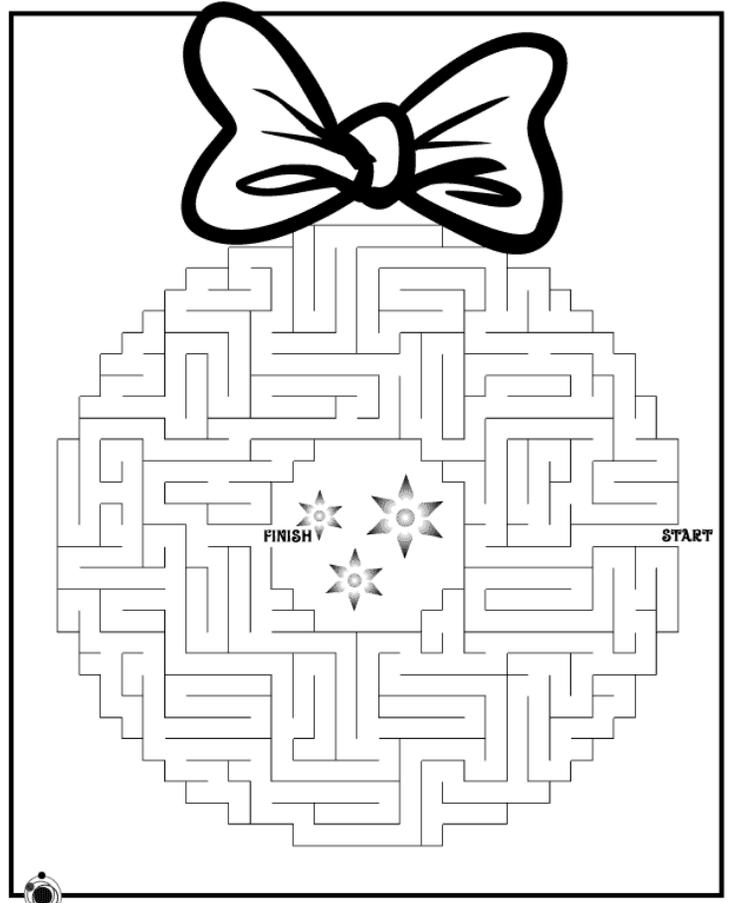


# Advent

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Advent  
Jesus  
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Christmas  
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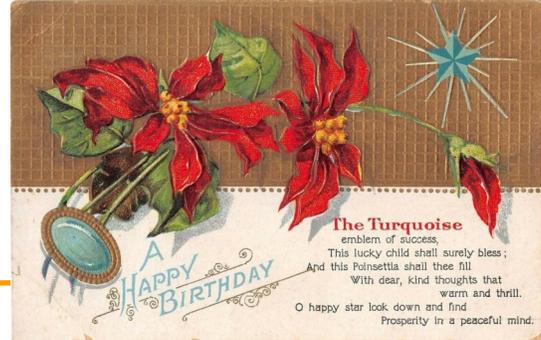
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**December**  
BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 12/01 Ashley Travis     | 12/14 Dan Hrinko       |
| 12/02 Angela DeLancey   | 12/15 Lilly Feldner    |
| 12/02 Roger Pickenpaugh | 12/16 Leslie Smith     |
| 12/03 Jane Niswonger    | 12/21 Patricia Clift   |
| 12/06 William Merry     | 12/22 Bonnie McAfee    |
| 12/06 Ivan Parrish      | 12/22 Judy McMullen    |
| 12/07 Kim Rucker        | 12/24 Andrew Lowers    |
| 12/10 Joyce Young       | 12/28 Joy Feldner      |
| 12/13 Makayla Feldner   | 12/28 Mary Lou Griffin |
| 12/13 Sephrenia Parrish | 12/29 Emma Carpenter   |
| 12/13 Lindsay Smith     | 12/29 Ruth Dovenbarger |

**December**  
ANNIVERSARIES

- |                                 |
|---------------------------------|
| 12/04 Bob & Linda Warrick       |
| 12/16 Stephon & Katelyn Poulton |
| 12/20 Walter & Joyce Withers    |
| 12/22 Don & Micki Archer        |



Advent Bible Studies  
Sun. 7PM  
Experiencing Christmas  
Don Archer, leader  
  
Wed 6:30PM  
Pastor Andrew, leader



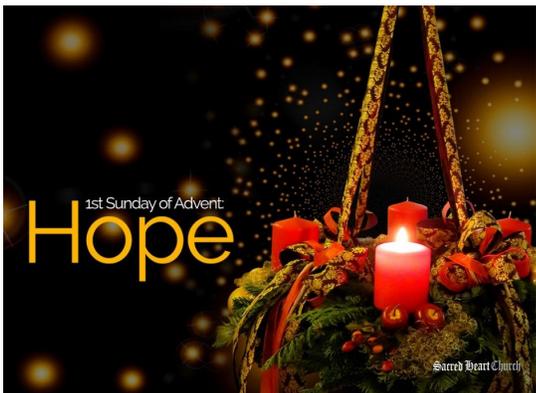
Ladies Christmas  
Night Out  
Wed. Dec 6 5PM  
@Patty's Place



Dec. 2  
2PM  
Caldwell Village  
Christmas Parade



Why is it getting harder to buy Advent calendars?  
  
Their days are numbered!



Caldwell United Methodist Church  
Blended @ 10/00 AM  
Sunday School 9AM



WHEN YOU STOP BELIEVING IN SANTA,  
YOU GET UNDERWEAR

# Christmas Traditions And How They Got Their Start: Christmas Trees

From its Puritan roots to complaints of rampant commercialism Christmas in America has been filled with traditions, old and new. Some date back to 16th-century Germany or even ancient Greek times, while others have caught on in modern times.

Decorated trees date back to Germany in the Middle Ages, with German and other European settlers popularizing Christmas trees in America by the early 19th century. A New York woodsman named Mark Carr is credited with opening the first U.S. Christmas tree lot in 1851. A 2019 survey by the American Christmas Tree Association, predicted that 77 percent of U.S. households displayed a Christmas tree in their home. Among the trees on display, an estimated 81 percent were artificial and 19 percent were real. 98% of all Christmas trees are grown on Christmas tree farms.

In 1856, President Franklin Pierce was the first president of the United States to place a Christmas tree inside the White House. The United States' National Christmas Tree was made public on the South Lawn of the White House in 1923 and has been an 'icon' of Christmas ever since. The Rockefeller Centre Christmas Tree is probably the most famous Christmas tree in the world. It was first officially introduced at the Rockefeller Centre in 1933

Your Christmas tree may drink 1-2 litres of water each day, depending on the size of it and your central heating settings. You should never burn your Christmas tree in your fireplace as



**December 1, 1955** - The birth of the modern American civil rights movement occurred as Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white man and move to the back section of a municipal bus. Her arrest resulted in a year-long boycott of the city bus system by African Americans and led to legal actions ending racial segregation on municipal buses throughout the South.

**December 5, 1933** - The 18th Amendment (Prohibition Amendment) to the U.S. Constitution was repealed. For nearly 14 years, since January 29, 1920, it had outlawed the manufacture, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages in the U.S.

**December 6, 1865** - The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified abolishing slavery

**December 7, 1941** - The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour. Pearl Harbor is a U.S. naval base near Honolulu, Hawaii, that was the scene of a devastating surprise attack by Japanese forces on December 7, 1941. Just before 8 a.m. on that Sunday morning, hundreds of Japanese fighter planes descended on the base, where they managed to destroy or damage nearly 20 American naval vessels, including eight battleships, and over 300 airplanes. More than 2,400 Americans died in the attack, including civilians, and another 1,000 people were wounded. The day after the assault, President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress to declare war on Japan.



The best-selling Christmas single ever is Bing Crosby's "White Christmas," shifting more than

**50 MILLION COPIES** worldwide since 1942



During the 2017 holiday shopping season, US shoppers bought an average of fourteen presents, spending an average of

**\$1028**



**221 ft**

the height of the world's tallest Christmas Tree, erected in a Washington shopping mall in 1950.



# Holiday Fun Facts



The song **JINGLE BELLS**

was first called One Horse Open Sleigh and was written for Thanksgiving.



US scientists calculated that Santa would have to visit 822 homes a second to deliver all the world's presents on Christmas Eve, traveling at approximately

**650 MILES PER SECOND**

**HANGING STOCKINGS**

comes from the Dutch custom of leaving shoes packed with food for St. Nicholas' donkeys. He would leave small gifts in return.



Electric tree lights were invented in the US by Edward Johnson in

**1882**

Santa's traditional red suit originated from an ad by Coca Cola® during the

**1930's**

First documented use of candy canes in Christmas celebrations was in

**1847**



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## National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month

Since 1981, high officials all across America have worked their hardest promoting the importance of staying sober while driving during the month of December, proclaimed National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month or National Impaired Driving Prevention Month

27 people die in a drunk driving accident in the US daily. On Average, New Year's Eve is the day with most DUI arrests, but Fourth of July has the most drunk driving related deaths. Neither coffee or showers will make a person sober up, only time does.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has expanded its mission statement to include drug-impaired driving. Mixing alcohol with opioids may increase a driver's sedation, which can lead to serious consequences on the road. In 2017, researchers at Columbia University reported a seven-fold jump (since 1995) in the number of drivers killed while operating a vehicle under the influence of prescription drugs.

The fatality risk goes both ways. It's more likely that an alcohol or drug-impaired driver will accidentally kill either themselves, their passengers, or a pedestrian — or that an inebriated pedestrian will walk into the path of an innocent driver.

No one says you can't party and let loose for a while. But if you've had too much, get home safely. Call a cab, or better yet, use your ride-sharing app and let the professionals do the driving. **Be a designated driver.** It's an overall small sacrifice for a night that won't affect your chances to have a great time, so offer yourself up and give your friends a helping hand!



Be safe.



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What do you get if you cross a Christmas tree and an iPad?



A pineapple!



Take a trip back in time and experience old world England as historic **downtown Cambridge, Ohio** is charmingly transformed into a Dickens Victorian Village each holiday season. From November through December each year, visitors are invited to stroll amidst over 92 scenes of 180 lifelike figures representing classic scenes from the Victorian era.



The Dickens Victorian Village Welcome Center is open Monday – Thursday, 10am-6pm and Friday and Saturday, 10am – 7pm

The 2023 Guernsey County Light Show lasts one hour and runs continuously.

### Some of Amazon's top Christmas gifts for 2023

BIIB 9 in 1 Multitool Pen



Achiou Touchscreen Gloves

GoldWorld Bluetooth Beanie Hat with Arm-



Soundbot Bluetooth Shower Speaker

HORUSDY Adjustable Tool Bracelet



FACETORY Facial Mask Set

Cardly Marble Cell Phone Stick-on Card Holder



### Christmas Sudoku

Directions: Each line, horizontal and vertical and each box must contain each of the letters from the word "SNOWFLAKE."

W		E	F	L	
N	A	K	L		W
			A	K	S
K		O		A	W
	N			S	K
	O		F	E	
W				O	
		E	K	W	
		N	O		S

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### Because you gave...

Oct	Income		Y-T-D	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
General Fund:	\$9,718.05	\$12,196.86	\$102,453.09	\$126,713.27
Interest from CDs, etc.	\$0.25	\$0.00	\$344.82	
Total GF	\$9,718.30	\$12,196.86	\$102,797.91	\$126,713.27
Building Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Elevator Fund		\$0.00	\$696.45	\$0.00
Local Benevolent Giving	\$384.95	\$300.00	\$3,156.22	\$3,148.13
Joash		\$133.95	\$0.00	\$2,630.28
Joash BF Savings	\$338.00	\$0.00	\$4,451.77	\$0.00
Memorial Fund		\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
Special Offerings	\$189.02	\$343.35	\$2,342.84	\$3,141.91
Stained Glass Windows		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,845.00
Youth Fund Giving		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Designated Funds	\$911.97	\$777.30	\$10,772.28	\$13,765.32
Totals	\$10,630.27	\$12,974.16	\$113,570.19	\$140,478.59



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#### 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 it's 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 al 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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