

keep in touch

January 20, 2022



Greeting Caldwell Church family and friends

Well here we are mid-January; our first real snow fall, and winter weather. Hope everyone is staying healthy; it seems as though some in our area are suffering from Covid related symptoms. Please be in prayer for each other, and loved ones.

In the past several weeks, I have focused on the Epiphany [revealing] season; the weeks following the Christmas season. The scriptures reveal to us that God is always at work through the events, and people around us. From the Magi (wise men) who traveled home by a different road after finding the Christ child. We read of Simeon, who had been led by God, to the Temple that day, so that his life's desire was fulfilled; to "*depart in peace*" at the end of life, to know that God was faithful. Also, we hear of Anna, God's faithful servant, who had spent most of her adult life at the temple in Jerusalem; praying, telling others of the Christ child, and serving the needs of God's people. Each of these remind us that God was making known the coming of the Messiah [the Christ] as the Savior of the world.

God works even through the unexpected, and the tragedies of life; we see this, in that God warned Joseph in a dream to take "the Child and Mary his mother", at night to Egypt; a journey they probably never expected to take. But God was working to protect Jesus, so God's plan of redemption could be completed. King Herod [the Great] planned to kill the child, who could threaten his authority and power. Evil cannot stop God from working for us.

In God's timing, Joseph, Mary and the Child Jesus, return to Nazareth; where Jesus would live. Jesus parents would raise him in the ways of the Lord, teaching him the Scriptures, instructing him in worship and ways to serving the local community. There is a gap in the early life of Jesus, which we may never hear about; God was not absent, but very present with us in the life of Jesus.

This Sunday in Epiphany we will hear, how Joseph, Mary and now the adolescent Jesus; would each year travel to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. Something reminding us that God is faithful, and delivers the Covenant people. Jesus, would soon be "*Bar-mitzvahed*", becoming "*a son of the Covenant*", which would allow him to be more active in worship.

Jesus must have been a good student, because we find Jesus [as did Joseph and Mary] at the Temple in Jerusalem. Jesus had stayed behind, even though his family started back to Nazareth. After a frantic search for Jesus, his parents find him, after "three days" of unknowing. They find him, and Jesus, says to them, "*Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's House.*" Some translate it "*my Father's business.*" Even as a youth, Jesus was aware of a task that lie ahead of him.

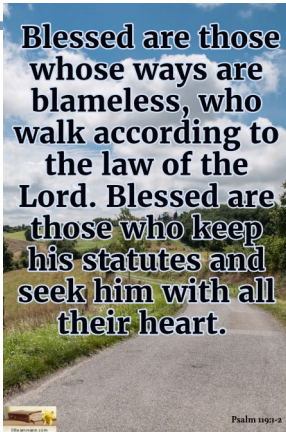
The years of "*silence*" in the life of Jesus, will be revealed in the days ahead; as we find Jesus at the waters of Baptism, and the Holy Spirit preparing him for a journey which will truly complete the work "*His Father*" had planned for him to do.

Keeping you all in prayer. Blessings!

Rev. Jeff Coggins, your Pastor

Sunday January 23, 2022

- ◆ Sunday Services are on our facebook page: Caldwell UMC Ohio.
- ◆ This Sunday Service is based on Luke 2:41-52 "My Father's Business"
- ◆ Old Testament scripture is Psalm 119:1-16



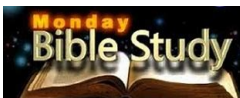
HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?



The Boy Jesus in the Temple

After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Luke 2:46 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on Luke 2:41-52

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Monday morning Bible Study resumes again on Mon Jan 24 at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall. Lisa Hrinko will lead the study on the Book of Ruth if you would like to read it before the class.

FRIENDS	ANSWERS	FOUND	AMAZED	TEACHERS
MOTHER	FEAST	SEARCHING	FATHER	RELATIVES
PARENTS	RETURN	TEMPLE	HOME	TRAVELED

Annual Conference 2022 – June 9-11 at the John S. Knight Center in Akron

The theme of Annual Conference 2022 is *Let Us Live Love*. The theme scripture is 1 John 4:7-13 (NIV):



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The first 2022 **Christ Shares a Meal (CSAM)** will be on Thursday, January 27th. The menu is Turkey Tetrazzini, salad, garlic bread, and a dessert. Meal ingredient sign-up sheets are available on the front table of the sanctuary. As the number of meals served the last several months of last year increased, all contributions are greatly appreciated. The meal will be take-out from 5:00 to 6:00pm. Many thanks!

What is Epiphany Season?

The period from Christmas to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, is the season in the Liturgical Calendar that we call Epiphany. The word “epiphany” means “manifestation” and refers in particular to the manifestation of Jesus as Savior not only of the Jews, but of all the peoples of the world.

The first of these is the visit of the Magi, which we celebrate on January 6

The second of the “manifestations” is the story of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptizer, when God manifests Himself to the world with the sign of the Holy Spirit (the dove) and the voice from heaven like thunder, saying “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

The third of the “manifestations” is celebrated on Transfiguration Sunday. This is the last Sunday before Lent begins, and closes the Epiphany season.

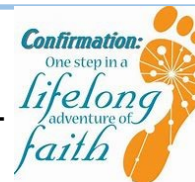


Spring District Conference
APRIL 24, 2022
Location tbd



01/21 Carol Merry
01/21 Ryan Moorman
01/24 Mindy Brooker
01/24 Marvin Feldner
01/25 Dave Archer
01/27 Bob Denney

What does "confirmation" mean?



United Methodists use the term "confirmation" to mark the first time a baptized Christian publicly "confirms" their intention to live the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant and so becomes a professing member of the local congregation and The United Methodist Church.

Can I be confirmed more than once?

We expect that there may be several occasions during one's Christian life when one may wish to re-affirm or re-profess their commitment to live the baptismal and membership covenant faithfully. Doing so more than once does not change or add to one's status as a professing member in the Church. So while we encourage people to re-affirm as they find need, we do not call any subsequent reaffirmations or re-professions "confirmation."

I thought "confirmation" referred to a series of classes over weeks or months. Was I wrong?

While the process of preparing to confirm or profess one's commitment to live out the baptismal and membership covenant may take considerable preparation, which may include classes, retreats, service projects, and other spiritual exercises, the term confirmation properly belongs to what we do in the ritual when we publicly confirm our commitment.

A Confirmation Class (teens) and an Adult Beliefs Class will begin soon. Tentatively, Sunday's Feb 6 to Apr 10

If you or someone you know is interested please contact Pastor Jeff.



Why Did Jesus Need to be Baptised?

When Jesus comes to John for his baptism, it's not because he needs to repent for sin, but "to fulfill all righteousness" ([Matt. 3:15](#)). When Jesus is baptized, it initiates his ministry as the true and faithful Israel, who answered the call for righteousness perfectly. Whereas Israel had constantly failed to keep the law and to heed the call of the prophets to righteousness, Jesus, in receiving John's baptism, was taking on the role of the only perfectly faithful Israelite. Thus, we have this well-known vindication from the Father; "And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased'" ([Matt. 3:16—17](#)).

Kiss a Shark Week – January 23-29, 2022



The holiday aims to educate people about sea creatures and promote efforts to save them.

Sharks seem to have been around for a couple of million centuries, 400 million to be precise. Sharks don't have bones, instead, they have cartilaginous tissues (a.k.a. the clear, gristly things your ears and tips of the nose are made of); the lack of bones makes them lighter and helps them be more buoyant. A shark's skin feels like sandpaper because it is made up of small, teeth-like structures (dermal denticles) that point in one direction. Flip them over, and they enter a trance-like state called 'tonic immobility;' scientists use this flipping-over technique while working on live sharks.

National "Just Do It" Day – January 24, 2022

Just do it!

It is a day that inspires us to do new things or to finally just do that one thing that we've been procrastinating for a while. It inspires us to start changing things in life by doing the one tiny thing we keep leaving undone — calling your gran, cleaning the garage, or writing that email. One step can make a big change.

National Plan for Vacation Day – January 25, 2022

We celebrate National Plan for Vacation Day every year on the last Tuesday in January to remind us to start planning our vacations and to take time off from work and school. Vacations help people spend some quality time with their family and friends, and it also helps with their mental health. Vacations also lead to an increase in tourism, which ensures a well-functioning economy. According to the U.S. Travel Association, more than half of all working people in the U.S. forfeit paid time off at the end of the year. “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.” This saying still rings true when all you do is work without taking time to rest and treat yourself.



Nominees Needed for 2022 Members-at-Large

Southern Hills District has openings to attend 2022 Annual Conference—June 9-June 11 If you would be interested in attending please talk with your pastor. Upon approval of your church council your pastor will submit your name to this office and you will be added to the list to be brought to The District Conference of 2022. Annual Conference will be held at the Akron John Knight Center

Summer Camp 2022 Registration is Open

At East Ohio Camps, we want every camper to have a summer story full of fun, faith formation, adventure, and growth. Our hope is when your child tells the story of what they did this past summer they include a week of camp.



Please encourage the children, youth, and families of your congregation to include East Ohio Camps as a chapter of the story of summer 2022. The program options from which campers can choose are posted on the summer camps website, www.eocummercamps.org

A Verse a Day Keeps the Devil Away

JANUARY 20 - PROMISE #20

[If you search for Me with all your heart, you will find me.](#)
[Jeremiah 29:13](#)

JANUARY 21 - PROMISE #21

[I will shield your life and deliver you from the wicked.](#)
[Psalm 97:10](#)

JANUARY 22 - PROMISE #22

[Cast all your worries on Me, for I really care about you.](#)
[1 Peter 5:7](#)

JANUARY 23 - PROMISE #23

[I will not let you be tested beyond what you can endure.](#)
[1 Corinthians 10:13](#)

JANUARY 24 - PROMISE #24

[My love will persevere through every situation.](#)
[1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#)

JANUARY 25 - PROMISE #25

[I will not withhold anything good from those with an upright heart.](#)
[Psalm 84:11](#)

JANUARY 26 - PROMISE #26

[I look after foreigners and I help the fatherless and the widow.](#)



"Thank You" from Shelley Schott for all the love & prayers during my illness. It meant so much.

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LAY SERVANT TRAINING Saturday—APRIL 9, 2022 8:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Woodsfield UMC
Are you interested in exploring how you might serve in your local church? The Southern Hills District Lay Servant Ministries Spring 2022 Training will be held on Saturday, April 9 at the Woodsfield United Methodist Church in Woodsfield, Ohio. The "Basic" training will be offered for anyone interested in exploring what it means to be a lay servant. The "Advanced" training will be "Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition." Registration flyers will be available on the SH District website and/or from your pastor in late January. For more information, contact the District Office or email Linda Morrow at lemorrow74@gmail.com



PRAYER CONCERNS

Bev Ralston, Dale & Kenny Farrar,

Davianne Sidwell, Tim Geary, Brooker Family

Our veterans and our world. Our teachers and students and those who assist them. We pray for unspoken requests and those we name in our heart. And for each other.

