

# keep in touch



March 9, 2023

Well, the informational letters were sent out last week; hopefully, you received yours. As you read this week's *Keeping in Touch*; you are aware that this *Saturday March 11, 2023*; will be our official day in which Caldwell Church members will gather together at 3:00 p.m. with our District Superintendent, Rev. Laura White, to take the vote by ballot to decide whether to remain a United Methodist Church, or disaffiliate and continue to seek and serve The Lord within a different denomination. **This Saturday the sanctuary will be open for prayer, and seeking God's guidance from 12:00 (Noon) until 2:30 p.m.** Please be in prayer as you attend this important meeting; come prepared to vote as the Holy Spirit leads you. **Members must be physically present to vote.** This will be a short meeting with a simple paper ballot; with a **yes** or **no** choice. We will choose a Charge Conference secretary to report the meeting. The ballots will be collected and counted by our D.S., our Admin Char. Jason Feldner along with one other witness. Our vote decision will be announced that day. The vote must pass by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

This Lenten season is quickly leading us towards Palm Sunday and Holy Week. As we move along our spiritual life's journey, let's continue to take time for Prayer, Devotional and Scripture reading, along with Fasting and Giving our-self to God and those in need, which we, as followers of Jesus are asked to commit to.

Many things in life can separate us from one another, and sometimes even from God. Sin will separate us; but grace and God's love will reconcile and redeem us. Religion and politics divide and separate us; sometimes drawing boundaries between family members, friends, and divide churches deeply. With St. Patrick's Day approaching (March 17<sup>th</sup>.) we usually think of green shamrocks, leprechauns, parades, and maybe corned beef and cabbage. Patrick, or '*Padric*' was a young boy born in Britain, not Ireland; who lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century. He was the son of a Christian deacon. Padric was kidnapped and taken to Ireland, and held captive as a shepherd. He escaped and over the years, became a priest, and then asked to return to Ireland to lead people to faith in Jesus Christ. His work was not easy, but many became Christians. A church and a Bible college was started on Iona, where many church leaders were trained. Ireland has a long Christian heritage.

I use this as an example that most of us do not think about. In Ireland there has been a great division between Irish Catholics and Irish Protestants. The catholic side associates with the color Green, and the protestant side with the color Orange. When we think of St. Patty's day, most think of wearing green; not true for all. I served a church in our conference where the congregation were 'strong' orange protestant Christians; who wore orange shamrock, orange clothing; not green. In Ireland's history some people were imprisoned, or even killed for wearing one color or the other; neighborhoods have long been divided over green and orange. (*Read about the conflicts during the time of Mary Queen of Scotts: aka. 'Bloody Mary,' or even in our times, stories of Michael Collins, The IRA, Tom Clancy's book and the movie: 'Patriot Games' deal with some of these conflicts.*) [Ireland's flag is Green, White, and Orange.] There is more to the story; in the past several years, revival and peace has been made possible. Hopefully our faith in Jesus Christ will draw us closer together, more than it divides us. Peace is always possible through Jesus Christ; He is Our Peace!

In the midst of the Church's issues and vote; may the Lord continue to minister to those who need God's love. Let us work together to bring about a change in lives, hearts, and minds, so that we can show God's Love to others, helping to bring transformation to the world. Let Jesus Christ live in you.

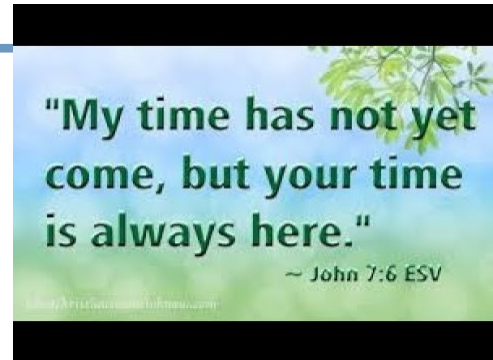
Love, Care, and prayers in Service to Christ and the Church

Rev. Jeff Coggins, your Pastor

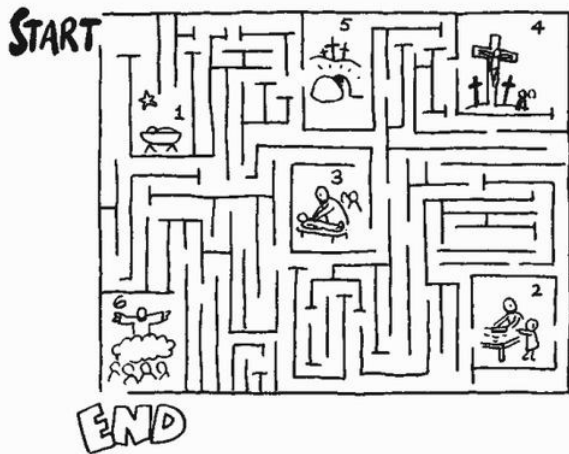


# Sunday March 12, 2023

- ◆ Sunday Services are on our facebook page: Caldwell UMC Ohio.
- ◆ This Sunday Service is based on John 7:1-18 "My time Has Not Fully Come"
- ◆ Old Testament scripture Psalm 31:14-21



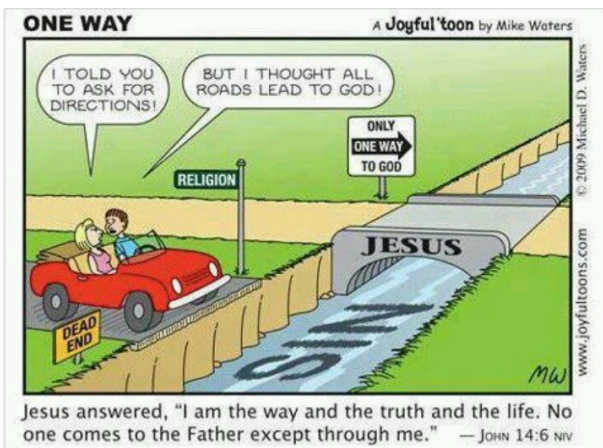
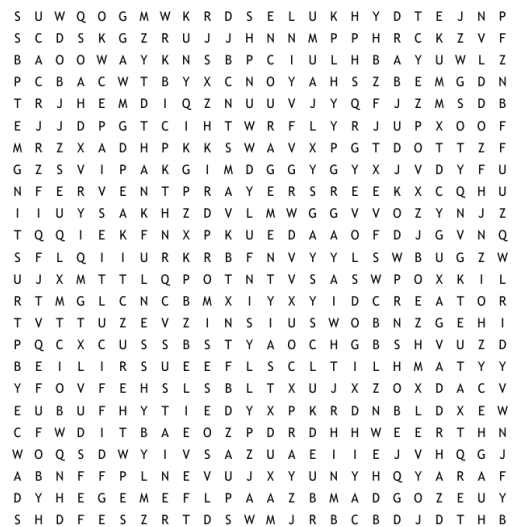
## CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY?



You must travel right through each event in Jesus' life in the right order!

1. Jesus is born at Bethlehem.
2. Joseph teaches Jesus to work as a carpenter.
3. Jesus heals a little girl.
4. Jesus is crucified.
5. Jesus is alive again.
6. Jesus ascends to heaven.

## Trusting God



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|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Heaven        | fervent prayers | believe      |
| encouragement | promises        | difficulties |
| God's love    | sinful          | sustainer    |
| Creator       | thankfulness    | trusting     |



03/10 David Gruver  
 03/14 Ken Farrar  
 03/15 Jacob Feldner

**\*Thurs. Apr. 6th. Maundy Thursday-  
 Communion & Tenebrae 7:00 p.m.**

**\* Fri. Apr. 7th. Good Friday – Sanctuary Open  
 for Prayer and Meditation 12:00 [Noon] to 3:00 p. m.**

**\*Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>. Easter Sunrise & Morning Worship  
 (TBA)**

**Please attend and invite a Friend.**



HOLY WEEK

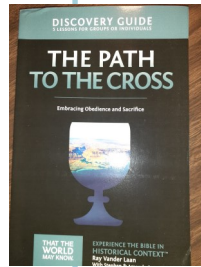
Lenten Study :

Sunday 2/19 9AM

Sunday 2/19 7PM

Monday 2/20 9AM

*The Path to the Cross*



**Final Vote March 11**

The final vote on the decision to disaffili-  
 ate from the United Methodist Denomina-  
 tion is set for

Saturday March 11 @ 3PM

Here at the church.

The vote must be in-person only and will  
 be taken by written ballot.

Church will be open for prayer from noon to 2:30

**Sunday, March 12, 2023, 2:00am**

**clocks are turned forward 1 hour**



The next CSAM is March  
 23<sup>rd</sup> with a menu of Teriyaki  
 Pork Loin, scalloped potatoes,  
 green beans, and a dessert.



Ladies Day Out

Thurs March 16

At noon @ Mr. Lee's

Cambridge.

Meet at church at 11:20



Church Service at Caldwell UMC

8am Traditional

10:30 am Blended

9:00am Sunday School



**GOSSIP IS LIKE MUD THROWN ON A CLEAN WALL. IT MAY NOT STICK  
 BUT IT ALWAYS LEAVES A DIRTY MARK.**



## Salvation Army Day – March 10, 2023

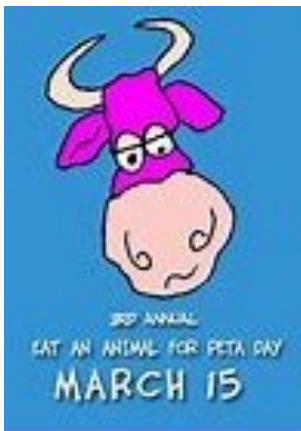
To commemorate the founding of the Salvation Army by Methodist preacher William Booth and his wife, Catherine. Born in Nottingham, England, in 1829, William Booth found his true faith at the age of 15. At the beginning of his career, he was a Methodist preacher, and then he broke away to preach independently, eventually being invited to preach in one of the poorest areas of London — Whitechapel. Booth and his wife Catherine started the Christian Mission in 1865 to feed the hungry and provide shelter for those in need. By 1878 the name was changed to the Salvation Army.

One of the very central tenets of the Salvation Army is to show the love of God through deeds, not merely words. William Booth took this command very seriously and literally, which is why to this day the Salvation Army is thriving and expanding to all corners of the globe.

## National Pi Day – March 14, 2023

Pi ( $\pi$ ) is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter — and amazingly for all circles of any size, pi will always be the same. Pi is an "irrational number," meaning its exact value is completely unknown. Scientists have calculated billions of digits starting with 3.14159265358979323..., but no recognizable pattern ever emerges. We could continue on and on until infinity and we'd still have no idea what digit might emerge next.

Not only that, but the fourteenth of March is also Albert Einstein's birthday.



## Seen any Buzzards Lately?

Though Turkey Buzzards are supposed to 'return' to Hinckley Ohio each year on March 15, they didn't really even leave this year. You may have been seeing the large scavengers most of the winter.



## Check Your Batteries Day – March 12, 2023

While this holiday may seem like it was created by a battery company to raise sales, it was actually created to raise awareness about testing your batteries in your various appliances and having working batteries.

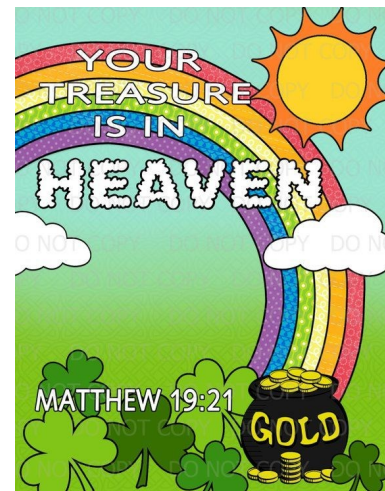
Clocks, Smoke Detectors, Carbon monoxide detectors, flashlights, and TV remotes all should be checked and changed if needed



**March 10, 1862** - The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began circulation.

**March 11, 1918** - The 'Spanish' influenza first reached America as 107 soldiers become sick at Fort Riley, Kansas. One quarter of the U.S. population eventually became ill from the deadly virus, resulting in 500,000 deaths. The death toll worldwide approached 22 million by the end of 1920.

**March 12, 1888** - The Great Blizzard of '88 struck the northeastern U.S. The storm lasted 36 hours with snowfall totaling over 40 inches in New York City where over 400 persons died from the surprise storm.



The Ides of March is the 74th day in the Roman calendar, which corresponds to March 15 on our calendar. Romans used the day as the deadline for settling debts, and the day was also marked by several religious observances.

Each month has an Ides, relating to a full moon as the Roman calendar was lunar based. The Ides of March is just a day in the Roman calendar but it took on much more significance when it became the day Julius Caesar was murdered in 44BC.

Renowned poet and playwright, Shakespeare, wrote The Tragedy of Julius Caesar which was first performed in 1599. While the Ides existed long before the Elizabethan era, the phrase "Beware the Ides of March" was not famous until William Shakespeare. "Beware the Ides of March" is uttered by a soothsayer telling Julius Caesar that his life is in danger in the play. The soothsayer tells Caesar to stay at home on March 15 and be careful what he does.

Caesar was stabbed to death during a meeting of the Senate on the Ides of March in 44BC which may have involved as many as 60 conspirators and led by Brutus and Cassius. According to the Greek biographer Plutarch, a seer had warned that harm would come to Caesar no later than the Ides of March.

On his way to the Senate, Caesar is said to have passed the seer and joked: "The Ides of March are come", implying that the prophecy had not been fulfilled, to which the seer replied "Aye, Caesar; but not gone".



## A Scripture a day...



MARCH 10 - PROMISE #69

**The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to you.**

Romans 8:11

MARCH 11 - PROMISE #70

**I have blessed you in Christ with every heavenly blessing.**

Ephesians 1:3

MARCH 12 - PROMISE #71

**Commit all that you do to Me and your plans will be successful.**

Proverbs 16:3

MARCH 13 - PROMISE #72

**I am with you and I will help you because I am your God.**

Isaiah 41:10

MARCH 14 - PROMISE #73

**I will never abandon you.**

Hebrews 13:5

MARCH 15 - PROMISE #74

**I see all your hardships and I care about your suffering.**

Psalms 31:7

MARCH 16 - PROMISE #75

**When you pass through turbulent waters, I will be close to you.**

Isaiah 43:2



### 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 all 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,

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