

# keep in touch

November 23, 2022



Greeting Caldwell Church family and friends,

Let me begin by wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving; it is the time that we pause to give thanks to God, in the midst of life busy-ness and craziness that goes on around us. Things don't slow down, but sometimes we must; to discover God's blessings all around us.

Last week I mentioned the chilly winds, and cold temperatures and snow; well it's here. We are to have a slight warm up, but the *"cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be."* These words from a hymn titled: ***Hymn of Promise***, in the United Methodist hymnal #707. This hymn is sometimes used at memorial and funeral services. This hymn reminds us that all of God's seasons in life have a purpose; each one causing growth, productivity, and ending in a harvest of blessings. The hymn last stanza says: *"at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see."* God makes our lives richer and more productive and fruitful, something to be shared, so all may benefit.

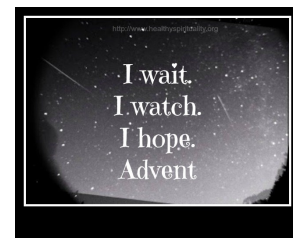
Little did I know, or expect that we: our families, church, and community would have two of our loved-ones pass away: Nellie Poulton, and Bob Denny. They will truly be missed, especially as the holidays approach. We lift these families up in our thoughts and prayers. Nellie and Bob both lived long lives, filled with joys and sorrows, laughter and tears; God sees us through all these seasons, and draws us closer to one another through faith in Jesus Christ. God offers us hope for today, and a brighter hope for tomorrow. We find rest for our spirits and souls through trusting God.

Christmas is a month away (Dec 25<sup>th</sup>.) This Sunday (Nov 27<sup>th</sup>) begins our Advent season; a time to remember, reflect, and respond to God's promises to us, by sending Jesus Christ to save us from fear, sin, and death. God does not always work as we expect or anticipate; God surprises us by doing the unexpected..

This Sunday we will begin celebrating Advent [which means 'appearing' or 'coming'] .Advent season begins the 4 Sundays before Christmas, when we *Remember, Reflect, and Respond* on God's prophecies and promises about the Birth of Jesus Christ, and by directing our attention to Jesus' words, and promises to us . Jesus came to teach us and show us God's love, but after His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension; (***The Christ Event***) Jesus promised that He would someday return; we await that Day and hour. We wait in ***Hope***, seeking God's ***Peace***, experiencing ***God's great Joy***, and ***share God's Love*** with those who need God's Grace.

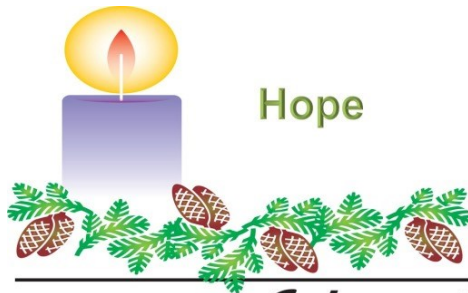
Let's be People of Advent living in the Promises of God

*Blessings, Rev. Jeff Coggins, your Pastor*



# Sunday November 27, 2022

- ◆ Sunday Services are on our facebook page: Caldwell UMC Ohio.
- ◆ This Sunday Service is based on Matthew 24:36-43 "The Hope That Christ Brings"
- ◆ Old Testament scripture Isaiah 2:1-5



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

## Matthew 24:36

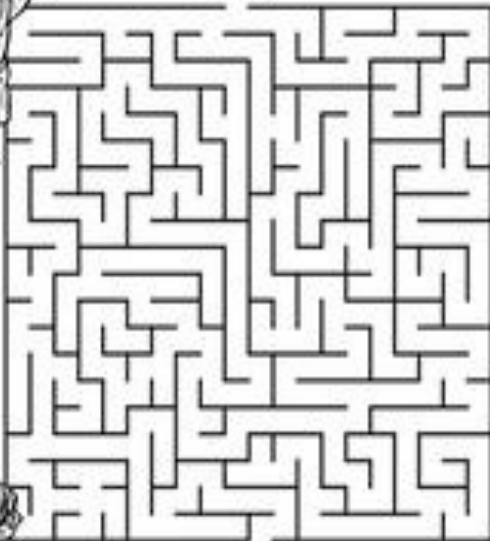
*But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*



## THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Guide Isaiah to deliver his message to the people of Israel.

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FINISH



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## Advent

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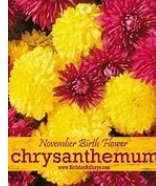
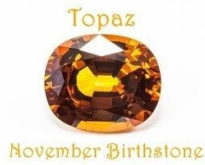
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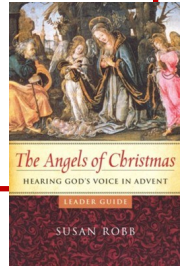


11/23 Scott Moore  
11/24 Willie Wilson

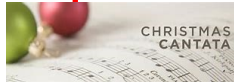


Bible Study: Angels of Christmas  
Beginning Sundays 7PM on Nov. 27  
for 4 weeks

Call church office to re-  
serve your place, or sign  
up at church.



Christmas Cantata Practice  
@CUMC Sanctuary  
7-8:30 PM Mondays Oct. 17—Dec. 5  
**Christmas Cantata**  
**@ St. Stephen's**  
**Sat. Dec. 10 at 7PM**



The Angle Tree is  
up now in the Sanctuary.  
Please have gifts back to the  
church  
By Dec. 11



Church Service at Caldwell UMC  
8am Traditional  
10:30 am Blended

Ladies Christmas Night Out

Wed. Dec. 7 5PM @ Patty's Place

\$5 gift exchange

Kitchen towels and wash cloths for church kitchen are also being collected.



Saturday Dec. 10 from 9-noon  
Farm Bureau is sponsoring a Food Drive  
Fellowship Hall Caldwell UMC  
Non-perishables and personal hygiene products

**THANKFULNESS BECOMES FULLNESS WHEN YOUR SPIRIT IS  
FULL OF THANKFULNESS.**



Vs. Michigan Nov. 26  
Noon on FOX

**I WOULD COUNT MY BLESSINGS ON THANKSGIVING, BUT MY  
RELATIVES OUTNUMBER THEM..**

## Thankful For My Dog Day – November 23, 2022

Thankful for My Dog Day on November 23 is celebrated by all dog lovers in the United States. It's a day dedicated to appreciating dogs for cheering us up, making us laugh, offering company, love, and undeniable loyalty, and bringing us joy in different ways. Big dogs, small dogs, yappy dogs, fluffy dogs, all kinds of dogs deserve our love and affection every day, but most of all on Thankful for My Dog Day.

## Throw Out Your Leftovers Day – November 29, 2022

The goal of the day is to get all of us to throw away the leftovers that are rotting in the fridge and frankly too far gone for consumption. Food wastage is a serious issue that concerns every one of us. When you cook the right amount of food, you ensure that none is going to waste. This day aims to make people realize the importance of food and why one must not waste it.

## First Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2022

The Advent season marks the ushering in of the liturgical year which is observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the nativity or birth of Christ and his return in the Second Coming. During Advent, devout Christians take the time to pray, reflect on the past year, mourn for the sin and evil in the world, or express hope and joy for the Second Coming.

The traditional Advent period begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, and it lasts through Christmas Eve (December 24), unless Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, in which case, Christmas eve becomes the fourth Sunday of Advent. The traditional themes of Advent allow us—through meditation, prayer, and affirmation—to contemplate ways to share our deepest gifts: hope, peace, love, and joy. The traditional color of Advent is purple or blue, with the candle for love being pink and the Christ candle (Christmas Day) being white.

### Make Your Own Advent Wreath at Home



On **November 24, 1971**, the day before Thanksgiving, a "nondescript" man who appeared to be in his mid-40s and about 6 feet tall (1.83 metres) bought a \$20 ticket for Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 305. He gave his name as Dan Cooper, which later turned out to be fake. A reporter mistakenly named him D.B. Cooper, also fake. He hijacked that plane and Cooper demanded four parachutes and \$200,000 in \$20 bills. After receiving this in Seattle and releasing the passengers, Cooper then had the crew take off for Mexico, but he parachuted out of the plane over Southwestern Washington State and never was heard from again. Some of the money was recovered along the Columbia River but Cooper real identity and what became of him remains the only unsolved air piracy case in U S aircraft history.



## DID YOU KNOW?



### Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Since 1924, people have been delighted by the spectacle of the Macy's department store's annual holiday parade. That first year, it was actually called the Macy's Christmas Parade, held as a promotional event to officially kick off the holiday shopping season. The parade was an instant hit, and in 1927, the name was changed to reflect the fact that it always falls on Thanksgiving. The first couple years of the parade, from 1924 to 1926, saw handlers marching the route with animals borrowed from the Central Park Zoo. Draped in Macy's promotional pennants, elephants, donkeys, tigers, camels and bears were paraded down the streets of New York City for the crowd's enjoyment. However, not everyone was a fan—in 1927, Macy's decided to replace the creatures with oversized balloon versions, because—imagine this—the live animals scared the children too much. Felix the Cat debuted in 1927 as the first giant balloon to ever take part in the Macy's Day parade. In 1928, Felix was inflated with helium, and without a plan to deflate this massive balloon, parade organizers simply let Felix fly off into the sky. According to reports and thanks to the parade, Macy's is the second largest consumer of Helium in the world. Only the US Government consumes more. Balloons take from 90 min to two hours to inflate and 15 minutes to deflate.

The Rocking Horse is the oldest float still in use for the Parade. It was handmade by the legendary Manny Bass, a Parade designer for over 40 years.

### The Ohio State vs University of Michigan Rivalry

\*The teams first met on Oct. 16, 1897 in Ann Arbor. Michigan won 34-0.

\*There have been six ties in this rivalry. The two teams played to a 0-0 ending in their second meeting in 1900 and tied each other in '10, '41, '49, '73 and '92.

\*Today, Buckeyes players receive a "Gold Pants Charm" if they beat Michigan. Each player and coach on an Ohio State team that beats Michigan receives the Gold Pants, inscribed with the player or coach's initials, the date of the victory, and the score of the game.

\*On Nov. 25, 1950, Ohio State and Michigan faced off in Columbus with the Big Ten title on the line. Whichever team won would have to overcome their opponent, 10-degree weather, 28-mile per hour winds, and snow falling at a rate of two inches per hour (If you think I'm being hyperbolic about the conditions, check out this video.). Both teams punted a collective 45 times for 1,408 yards and Michigan managed to win 9-3 accumulating only 27 yards of offense and no first downs in a game forever known as the "Snow Bowl." Ohio State head coach Wes Fesler resigned amidst severe criticism about this play-calling in the game and was replaced by Woody Hayes. Woody Hayes won five national titles in Columbus and went 12-6 against Michigan from 1951-68.

\*After all, no college football program has won more games in history than Michigan and Ohio State, respectively. Along the way, these two schools have produced:

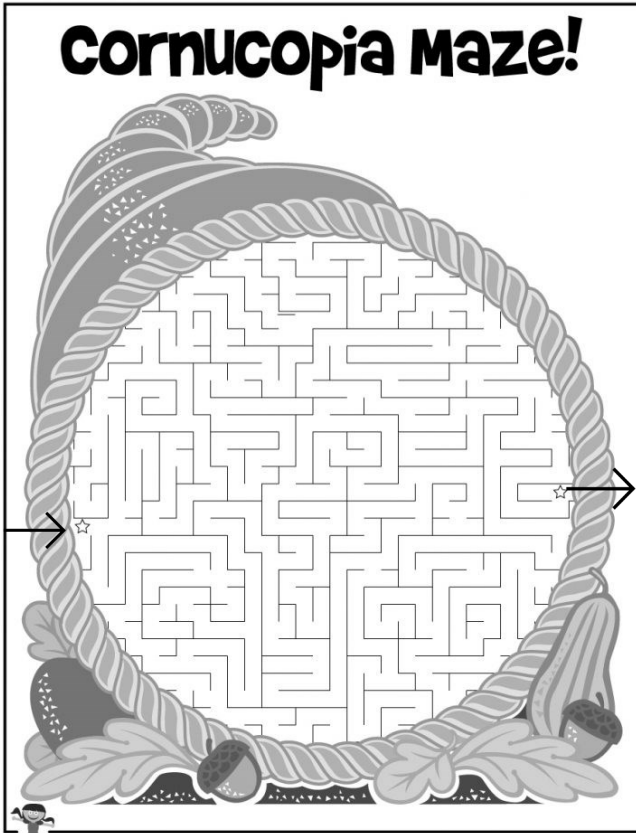
173 All-Americans

10 Heisman Trophy winners

81 conference championships



A scripture a day keeps the devil away



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NOVEMBER 25 - PROMISE #329

[I will bless the poor in spirit with My kingdom.](#)  
[Matthew 5:3](#)

NOVEMBER 26 - PROMISE #330

[I will give you beauty to replace your ashes.](#)  
[Isaiah 61:3](#)

NOVEMBER 27 - PROMISE #331

[I will be your light and you shall reign with Me forever.](#)  
[Revelation 22:5](#)

NOVEMBER 28 - PROMISE #332

[The eternal glory that is in store for you far surpasses your present troubles.](#)  
[2 Corinthians 4:17](#)

NOVEMBER 29 - PROMISE #333

[An everlasting city awaits you, for I am not ashamed to be called your God.](#)  
[Hebrews 11:16](#)

NOVEMBER 30 - PROMISE #334

[Every word of every promise that I have made will come to pass.](#)  
[1 Kings 8:56](#)

An **Advent calendar** is a special calendar used to count down to December 25: The celebration of the Birth of Jesus, beginning on Dec. 1.



### 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, and for each other. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen



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