

keep in touch

November 18, 2021



Dear Caldwell UM Family & Friends

As we approach the middle/end of November, our calendars point us to a time once again to offer thanks to God for all of life's rich blessings. It is a time to gather with family and friends, to eat too much and gain a few pounds. It is good to have plenty, but we must also remember to share our blessings with those in need. We should take time to pause for prayer and reflection on God's blessings. In these continued days of the threat of Covid, and the painful facts of inflation, with many people not working, either because of unwillingness, or other circumstances; we still should give thanks.

Psalms 100 says:

"¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. ² Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. ³ Know that The LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise his name. ⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

The Bible teaches us that thanksgiving is to be our response to God's goodness towards us; it should be a heart-felt attitude, not just a vocal statement, or an event to gather to eat. Long before Thanksgiving Day was established for our Nation; God's people were directed by Scripture and God's Spirit to give thanks.

In America's history, we think of the Pilgrim's at Plymouth in 1621, and look at that first Thanksgiving shared with the small community, and their Native American guests of the Wampanoag tribes, who helped them through the first harsh winter, and help make the first year's harvest a success; other groups of settler's also observed days of Thanksgiving, as God gave them blessings in the 'new land.' They faced hardships; many died of disease that first year.

During the time of the Revolutionary war, America celebrated eight special days of Thanksgiving for victories and protection in times of trouble. On November 26, 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation of a Day of Thanks. For many years America did not have a National Day of Thanksgiving, until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln, proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving. From 1621 to 1863, (242 years) Thanksgiving was not a nationally observed holiday.

Through the days of Covid, and of political and social unrest, through times of trouble, war, and other difficulties, we have learned; sometimes the hard way to trust God, and give thanks for all the help and blessings given to us.

The days in which we are living, at times seem uncertain and challenging, but with God's blessing and thankful hearts, we will not lose hope, because the God in whom we trust is our Source of Life. Be glad and make this a true season of Thanksgiving.

Prayerfully with a heart of Thanksgiving

Blessings!

Rev. Jeff Coggins,
Pastor Caldwell UMC



Sunday November 21, 2021

- ◆ Sunday Services are on our facebook page: Caldwell UMC Ohio.
- ◆ This Sunday Service is based on John 18:33-37 "My Kingdom is not of The World"
- ◆ Old Testament scripture is Psalm 93:1-5



Thanksgiving word search with Riddle

Find the words in the Word Search. Color each word a different color. When you have found them all, go across the rows, and write the letters that are left on the lines below. This will give you a riddle and the answer to the riddle.

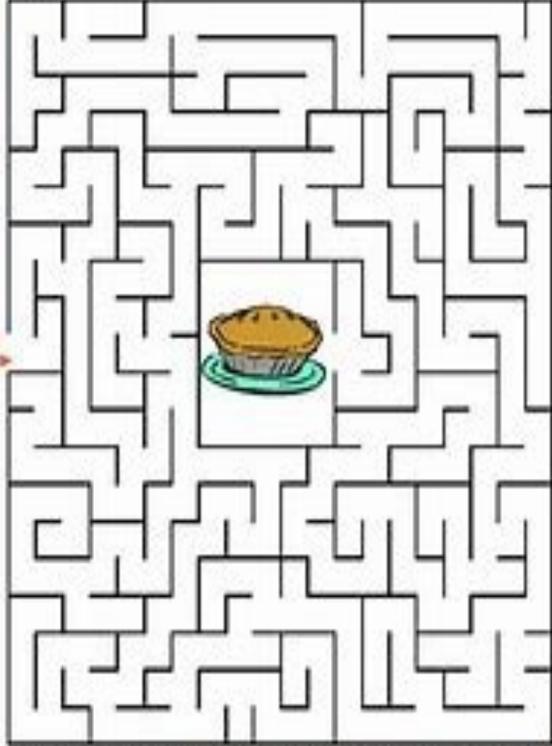
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turkey	i	e	p	p	n	e	n	c	corn
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 Answer -----

Amazing Fun!

Help the pilgrim find his way to the pie.





THANKSGIVING HISTORY



In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the "New World." After a treacherous and uncomfortable crossing that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod, far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. One month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims, as they are now commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth.

Throughout that first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the ship, where they suffered from exposure, scurvy and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore, where they received an astonishing visit from a member of the Abenaki tribe who greeted them in English.

Several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto, a member of the Pawtuxet tribe who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery before escaping to London and returning to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years and tragically remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days.

Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow, wrote: "Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the Company almost a week, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our Arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five Deer, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed on our Governor, and upon the Captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

<https://www.history.com/>



- 11/20 Lisa Merry
- 11/22 Dolores Christopher
- 11/23 Scott Moore
- 11/24 Willie Wilson



Monday morning Bible Study **9 AM** in the fellowship hall. *The Women of Christmas*



"Who Needs Christmas"
4 week Advent studies
Beginning
Sunday 11/28 7PM here
And
Wednesday 12/1 7PM
At Rick Zerger's



Universal Children's Day – November 20,

Investing in our future means investing in our children — which is why the United Nations has designated every November 20 as Universal Children's Day. It's a time to promote togetherness around the world, awareness of the problems children face in every corner of the globe, and improve the welfare for all children.

the UN adopted this document as its own statement of children's rights. The original text reads as follows: (+10 more)

1. The child must be given the means requisite for its normal development, both materially and spiritually
2. The child that is hungry must be fed, the child that is sick must be nursed, the child that is backward must be helped, the delinquent child must be reclaimed, and the orphan and the waif must be sheltered and succored.
3. The child must be the first to receive relief in times of distress.
4. The child must be put in a position to earn a livelihood and must be protected against every form of exploitation.
5. The child must be brought up in the consciousness that its talents must be devoted to the service of its fellow men.

National Bible Week – November 21-27, 2021



The Bible, the ultimate bestseller, is central to the religion of Christianity, and the English translation has over 100 versions. National Bible Week celebrates the holy text in all its glory, bringing communities together to read their favorite verses and share personal interpretations

The more you immerse yourself into the teachings of the Holy Bible, the more you understand how it transcends the sacrament of religion and offers a refuge from the turmoil of daily life. The Bible guides us to a path of righteousness still relevant in the 21st century.

There was a time when the common person couldn't touch or own the word of God. On National Bible Week, we hold the holy teaching in our hands and pay a solemn tribute to the preservers, fighters, and believers of the Bible.

White Ribbon Day – November 25, 2021

White Ribbon is the world's largest movement engaging men and boys to end men's violence against women and girls, promote gender equality and create new opportunities for men to build positive, healthy, and respectful relationships. This is a vital message to spread to end violence against women.

It is estimated that of the 87,000 women who were intentionally killed in 2017 globally, more than half were killed by intimate partners or family members, meaning that 137 women across the world are killed by a member of their own family every day.

Adult women account for nearly half of all human trafficking victims detected globally — women and girls together account for 72 percent, with girls representing more than three out of every four child trafficking victims.



White Ribbon Day aims to reduce the horrifying statistics of violence against women by spreading awareness about the issue and this is a truly global problem.

Food Drive

For Blessing Box and area food pantries

December 11 at the Caldwell UM Church 9-11am

Think Outside the Can

Here are a few tips when giving to our Blessing Box:

Food with high protein content – 8 or more grams/serving. Examples: Deluxe Mac and Cheese, beef stew, tuna fish, and other canned meats, spaghetti-o's, some ramen noodles soups, corned beef hash, as well as the favorite- peanut butter.

Boxed milk, no refrigeration needed.

Oil, salt, spices and condiments are needed.

Cake mixes and frosting (a treat for a family birthday)

Soup and crackers

Pudding, Jello and other small desserts

Cereal – boxes for the families as well as single servings

Spaghetti and Spaghetti sauce

Can openers

Another priority need is health and hygiene products:

Haircare products

Tooth paste and brushes

Shaving supplies

Deodorant

Soap, body wash

Toilet paper

Tissues

Laundry products

Dish soap

Lotions

Feminine hygiene products

We cannot take outdated items

At this time, we have an abundance of canned green vegetables and beans. We also have a lot of sweet potatoes.



Thank you for your generosity





NOVEMBER 19 - PROMISE #323

I will be your safe place in difficult times.

Nahum 1:7

NOVEMBER 20 - PROMISE #324

I will give you power over the enemy and nothing will hurt you.

Luke 10:19

NOVEMBER 21 - PROMISE #325

If you love Me with all your heart, I will provide all you need.

Deuteronomy 11:13-14

NOVEMBER 22 - PROMISE #326

My children will overcome the world through their faith.

1 John 5:4

NOVEMBER 23 - PROMISE #327

I will root your heart in the depths of My love.

Ephesians 3:17

NOVEMBER 24 - PROMISE #328

I will come to you as certainly as the sun rises and spring rains fall.

Hosea 6:3

NOVEMBER 25 - PROMISE #329

I will bless the poor in spirit with My kingdom.

Matthew 5:3



ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

AVAILABLE

Devotional pamphlets are available in the office for anyone wishing to have one.

We can mail them if you let us know you want one.

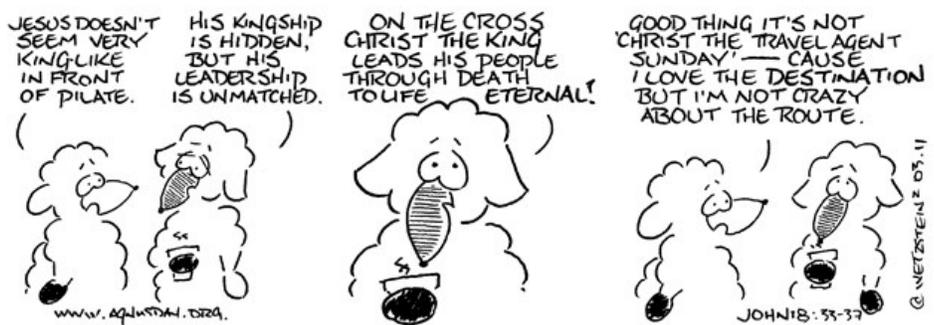
Please call the office or stop in on Tues or Thurs 9-3

(740)732-4033

(Advent begins Nov 28)



Due to Thanksgiving, the church office will be open on Tuesday (11/23) and Wednesday (11/24) next week from 9am-3pm.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Peggy Townsend, June Harless, Jim & Sue Garvin, Davianne Sidwell, Marsha Buckey, Tim Geary, Brooker Family, Bonnie McAfsee

Our government. Those in suffering from violence, storms, and the persecuted Church. Our area school teachers, and those who care for students, Foster families., Unspoken needs, peace in the world, and those we name in our heart.