### CALDWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH





Pastor's Message:

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

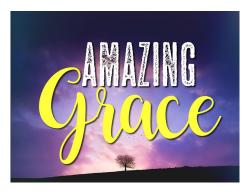
based on Matthew 28:19 Read Micah 7:18-20: Who is a God like you?

You know, the older I get, the more and more I begin to wonder how long God will put up with me? With the sins I struggle with, with the failures I have in doing his will, I often feel like I must be up to the last straw with God. Yet, day by day, I am blessed and feel his grace reaching out to me. I don't mean that as an excuse to carry on in those ways, but I mean that it still amazes me how much grace God has shown me!

The prophet Micah tells us that God pardons sin and forgives transgression. That God does not stay angry forever, and delights in showing mercy. God will always show compassion to us and trample our sins underfoot, and hurl them into the sea! That is the very nature of God. To be faithful. As he was to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and all the many other prophets who also failed him many times. God was gracious to all of them!

So my brothers and sisters, do not be discouraged too much by your own failures. Seek repentance, and know that God is always wanting to show you grace! To trample those sins away leaving only his love in our hearts! Let his grace take over your life, and let it change you and your heart to follow him faithfully!

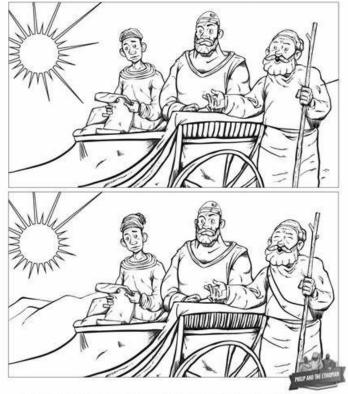
Blessings Pastor Andrew





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ANYBODY WHO DOESN'T MAKE MIS-TAKES CAN'T BE VERY BUSY

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Blended @ 10/00 AM

Sunday School 9AM

WELCOME \*\*\*MAY

Caldwell United Methodist Church

Surprise

# May Day – May 1



May Day is celebration of the season of spring. May Day is one of the four ancient Celtic cross-quarter days, making it an astronomical holiday as it falls between the March equinox and June solstice. May Day also became known as International Workers' Day for labor rights and an eight hour work-

day in the United States. Americans celebrate May Day with flower crowns, maypole dancing, and by making flower baskets to share with loved ones.

Celts used to dance around trees with bright ribbons as a way to welcome in good crops and fertility. That's where we get the tradition of the "May Pole". May 1, as well as the entire month, is a time of flowers blooming, trees returning to life, birds singing, and animals coming out of hibernation. Nature becomes beautiful again!

## MAY IS

Be Kind to Animals Month Local & Community History Month National Photography Month

## Indian Heritage Month National Bicycle Safety Month Older Americans Month

## National Day of Prayer - May 2, 2024

The national holiday has always been the first Thursday of May every year since it was founded in 1952. It stands as a day that continues the decision-making of the country's founding fathers, which used the morals from biblical lessons in difficult situations. Basically, using God's guidance to make important decisions in the country and for yourself.

Knowing that America was founded by people of European descent with predominantly Christian backgrounds, it's no surprise that this holiday was originally created to celebrate the Christian faith. National Day of Prayer was an effort to ask American citizens "to turn to God in prayer and meditation."

We live such busy lives these days that it's too often that we forget to just take a moment to ourselves to think about and appreciate all that we have. Having a national day of prayer helps everyone take a moment to remember how their family was raised and reflect on their cultural and family history.



## Beltane – May 1

Beltane falls halfway between the spring equinox and the coming summer solstice. It represents the peak of spring and the beginning of summer when Earth's energies are considered the strongest. The word 'Beltane' comes from the Celtic God 'Bel,' which is an Irish word for 'fire.' So, this festival should be celebrated by lighting a bonfire. The fires recall the growing power of the sun, and it is an opportunity to cleanse and renew the conditions of the community. Beltane is symbolic of the natural cycle of life and death and the changing seasons. It respects nature and its cyclical essence.





May 2, 2011 - U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

May 4, 1970 - At Kent State University, four students - Allison Krause, 19; Sandra Lee Scheuer, 20; Jeffrey Glenn Miller, 20; and William K. Schroeder, 19 - were killed by National Guardsmen who opened fire on a crowd of 1,000 students protesting President Richard Nixon's decision to invade Cambodia. Eleven others were wounded. The shootings set off tumultuous campus demonstrations across America resulting in the temporary closing of over 450 colleges and universities.

**May 6, 1937** - The German airship Hindenburg burst into flames at 7:20 p.m. as it neared the mooring mast at Lakehurst, New Jersey, following a trans-Atlantic voyage. Thirty six of the 97 passengers and crew were killed. The inferno was caught on film and also witnessed by a commentator who broke down amid the emotional impact and exclaimed, "Oh, the humanity!" The accident effectively ended commercial airship traffic.

**May 10, 1869** - The newly constructed tracks of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways were first linked at Promontory Point, Utah. A golden spike was driven by Leland Stanford, president of the Central Pacific, to celebrate the linkage. It is said that he missed the spike on his first swing which brought roars of laughter from men who had driven thousands upon thousands of spikes themselves.

## Global Love Day – May 1

The idea of Love Day is to encourage unity and celebrate humanity through unconditional love. The world would be a much better place if we all showed just a little more love to each other. They say love is the universal force that binds us all together, and with all the chaos we encounter event other day in our world, the only thing that can m 2 ove Day

love to each other. They say love is the universal force that binds us all together, and with all the chaos we encounter every other day in our world, the only thing that can make a difference is tuning our frequency of love and channeling that same frequency to others. With all the ups and downs life brings us, a day dedicated solely to showing love is something we all need. Global Love Day is all about love, joy, peace, and unity. These are causes we are passionate about and love promoting.



# Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. It is not Mexico's Independence Day, as is widely believed but celebrate this one battle. While the battle in itself was not a major strategic win, and the French took control of Mexico in 1864, it served to lift the

spirits of resistance forces and helped them to gain an alliance with the Americans to successfully make Napoleon's forces withdraw. Since it is believed the French would have likely aided the Confederacy at the Civil War, Mexico's resistance likely changed the history of the United States.

When Mexico celebrates, we celebrate with them. The U.S. would not be what it is today without the support of Mexico's great citizens. Cinco de Mayo's an excellent excuse to enjoy Mexican cuisine and even try your hand at a traditional recipe you haven't had before. If cooking isn't your thing, go out to eat! Support your local Mexican restaurant and try something new off the menu.

## 150th Kentucky Derby - May 4, 2024

The Kentucky Derby has been called the "Run for the Roses," after the red rose that has been the official flower of the Kentucky Derby since 1904. A rose garland (with 554 red roses) was first given to the winner in 1896

### The Kentucky Derby is a Grade I stakes race for three year-old Thoroughbred horses, held annually in Louisville, Kentucky, on the first Saturday in May, capping the two-week-long Kentucky Derby Festival and is widely considered the most prestigious horse race in the world. The race is one and a quarter miles (2 km) at Churchill Downs. The race has also been called "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports."

To earn a spot in the starting gate for the Kentucky Derby, thoroughbred horses must travel along the Road to the Kentucky Derby, a series of designated races held at tracks across the country and around the world. Only thoroughbred horses are allowed to compete in the Kentucky Derby.

These horses are purebred and specifically bred for their speed and strength.

Their lineage traces back to one of three original sires: the Darley Arabian, the Godolphin Arabian, or the Byerly Turk.



Thoroughbred owners began sending their successful Derby horses to compete in two other races. These two are the Preakness Stakes at the Pimlico Race Course, in Baltimore, and the Belmont Stakes in Elmont, New York. The three races offered large purses, and in 1919 Sir Barton became the first horse to win all three races. However, the term Triple Crown did not come into use for another eleven years. In 1930, when Gallant Fox became the second horse to win all three races.

## National Skilled Trades Day – May 1

It was established in 2019 by City Machine Technologies in Youngstown, Ohio, to raise awareness about the value of the skilled trades workforce in the United States and honor skilled trades workers.

The skilled trades group is responsible for keeping the country intact. These are the individuals we call to repair our cars, put in new toilets, construct our homes, collect our blood, and ensure the health of our pets. As a result, honor those who work in skilled trades on the first Wednesday in May.

There are also more jobs available than there are workers. The need for skilled individuals increases as the baby boomers retire quicker than employers can fill vacant positions. Consid-



ering the high cost of a college education, which makes it unaffordable for many people, a skilled trade becomes the best alternative.

Technicians, machinists, and other tradespeople will always be needed in our society, and these jobs demand highly technical, practical learning skills that are difficult to outsource.

KENTUCKY DERBY



**Warning:** Lily of the valley is known to be a very aggressive spreader. Plant with caution! All parts of the plant, including the berries, are **poisonous** to people and animals



The Empire State Building opened its doors on May 1, 1931. At the point of its construction, it held the record for being the tallest building in the world. Many other sky-high constructions have since dwarfed it, but it's still an awe-inspiring feature of the New York cityscape!

## EUROVISION CONTEST

May is the month that the Eurovision song contest is held every year. For those not in the know, Eurovision is an international song contest that has been held every year since 1956. Some of the contest winners over the years have gone on to be incredibly successful groups, with the most notable being ABBA!

This year's contest will be held in Malmö in southern Sweden, with two semifinals on May 7 and 9 followed by a grand final on May 11.



## Star Wars Day – May 4

May the Fourth be with you! A galaxy far, far away is celebrated on Star Wars Day on May 4.

"Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge," the 14-acre Disney theme park expansion, will open at Southern California's Disneyland Resort on May 31. A second version of the "Star Wars" land will open three months later at Disney's Hollywood Studios at Walt Disney World in Florida.







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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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