



# THE VOICE

April 2022



*"In the cold and snow of winter,  
There's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see. "*

"Hymn of Promise"

United Methodist Hymnal

*Dear Friends,*

As the Lenten season draws to a close and Holy Week and Easter approach, it is amazing how the Resurrection Story never grows old! It is as new every Easter morning as that first sunrise over Jerusalem when the Risen Christ greeted Mary in the garden near the empty tomb.

I have always loved Sunrise Services. As a child my father would wake me up very early while it was still dark, and he would drive us to our church's cemetery where the service would be held. I always secretly hoped that this would be the morning that Jesus would appear and folks would come out of the graves. I'm not sure where that "theology" originated but the "Up From the Grave" hymn we would sing may have contributed.

My father and I would wait in our parked car for others to arrive before walking up the small hill to the spot where a pick up truck with an organ in the back was parked. You could see the curlers under the organist's scarf, the gloves on her hands, and the minister's breath as he spoke in the predawn chilliness. We sang, we prayed, we waited for the sun to peek over the hill. A few moments of silence, a blessing and then we would go home for breakfast and to get ready for church.

Then after church, Easter Baskets, finding colored eggs, good smells from a ham baking in the oven and a fragrant hyacinth on the table added to the sights and sounds and smells of the most special Sunday each year. May good memories and the joy of this season surround you with the brightness of the Risen Lord!

*See you at worship! Pastor Viv*

## Financial Report through February 2022

Through our first two months of 2022 our expenses exceeded our income versus our projected budget by \$11,464. This is due to our miscellaneous income and overall giving being less than anticipated.

Our expenses were \$484 greater than expected which is within 1% of our budget.

On the income side our overall giving was \$4,615 less than our goal to date. Our Faithful Givers were \$1,056 less than anticipated and our Pledgers were \$3,559 less than our goal. Our miscellaneous income was \$6,460 less than our budget which is not unusual at this time of year.

We will provide a status of the Stewardship Program in our next report. We will continue to provide updates regarding our financial health throughout 2022.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries through your pledges and faithful giving.

Sincerely,  
Your Finance Committee



## DOW RICH SCHOLARSHIPS



The Trustees are pleased to receive applications from members for postsecondary education, such as colleges, universities and trade schools. Applications must be received by the Trustees **no later than May 1** to be considered for this year's scholarships. Late applications will not be considered. Applications are available by contacting the church office at [caldwellumcnj@gmail.com](mailto:caldwellumcnj@gmail.com) or Christine Waddington at [mitchsmum@aol.com](mailto:mitchsmum@aol.com)



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.  
The people of The United Methodist Church®



## Need Event Space?

Various spaces in the church may be reserved for parties, showers, meetings, classes, temporary office space, etc. If you know someone who may be interested, please contact the Church Office to check availability and for details regarding guidelines.



## Easter Flowers

There's still time to get Easter Flowers but orders **MUST** be in by April 10. You can visit the website to place your order at [caldwellchurch.org](http://caldwellchurch.org)

*We can support refugees through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Just mark your check with this notation. We will collect donations these next three weeks and disperse them to UMCOR. You may also donate to support those affected by the war in Ukraine on the our church website at [caldwellchurch.org](http://caldwellchurch.org).*

*So far, \$880 has been given by the congregation to provide aid to refugees both inside Ukraine and in bordering countries.*



## April Birthdays

April 3	George Carnrick III
April 5	Glenn Tomich
April 10	George W. Carnrick, Jr.
April 10	Joe Dolce
April 10	Rob Schaedler
April 11	Andrew Hansen
April 12	Brandon Narine
April 12	Isabel Voca
April 14	Bailey Ann Winkler
April 18	Kevin Pierce
April 22	Ann Calvin
April 22	Wendy Large
April 23	Mary Crooks
April 26	Ken Ingra
April 29	Liz Ciccone
April 29	Doug Wallace

## YOGA FOR CAREGIVERS

Parents and caregivers of special needs children are faced with challenges and demands that **rarely ease up**. This monthly class will offer parents and caregivers an opportunity to put their needs at the top of the list for just 1 hour. We will take time to be present with our body, mind and spirit. Parents will be given time to check in with themselves, be mindful of both their physical body and tension and their mindset.

**Any parents in our community or in the church are invited To register for this class. Please email Kelly at [kwinkler22@verizon.net](mailto:kwinkler22@verizon.net) for more information and to register.**

*These sessions will be led by Kelly Winkler. Kelly is a mom of 4, a teacher, yoga and mindfulness instructor, and meditation facilitator.*



**Can you help out with technology during Sunday morning worship? Walter Hartmann, Technical Director can train interested persons. Notify the church office if you are interested.**

## Just a Reminder

Grocery cards are for sale from the church office. The church makes \$5 for every \$100 card you purchase.



# HAPPY EASTER



# **FISH N'CHIPS**

**AND CHICKEN TOO !!**

**Saturday, May 14**

**5:00-7:00 PM**

**Caldwell United Methodist Church**



**ADULT \$18    CHILD 10 & Under \$14**

**Curbside Pickup ONLY**

**Benefits Mission Outreach!**

**PREPAID ONLY BY MAY 9\***

**\*Pay on our website [caldwellchurch.org](http://caldwellchurch.org)  
or call 973-226-4410**



# THE VOICE

## CALDWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8 Academy Road, Caldwell, NJ 07006

Phone: **973-226-4410**



Website: **caldwellchurch.org**

Newsletter Editor: **Ellen Elcavage**

**SAFE SANCTUARY CERTIFIED CHURCH**

**HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE-LIFT**

## PALM SUNDAY

April 10 @ 10am

## EASTER SUNDAY

April 17 @ 10am

## HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

April 24 @ 10am

Please join us during this Holy Season as we remember “dying, Christ destroyed our death, and rising, Christ restores our life.”

