



THE VOICE

August 2021

God's Word



is a “lamp
unto our feet
and a light
onto our path.”

Psalm 119: 105

May this scripture be
our guide as we reopen
the church.

Amen!

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, August 1st our church will reopen for worship!

There will be some safety protocols in place for now but nothing that will dampen our spirits as we reassemble to sing, to pray, to praise God and to offer thanksgiving that we have made it through the pandemic.

We've been asked if we are still zooming the service as well and the answer is yes though it will be different from the past sixteen months! With one camera or possibly two we will zoom all parts of the service from the sanctuary. It will be a watch only service from home. We will not be chatting before worship, zooming in scripture reading, prayers or special music from people's homes. Everyone worshipping from home will be encouraged to print out the Worship Bulletin that they are emailed every week.

Pastor Karen is working on some participatory activities for your children to do during worship and the service will be shorter than an hour.

Last but not least, please keep the church in your prayers.

Prayers that people will return to worship. Prayers that our fellowship together will thrive. Prayers that once again our choirs will sing and ring out.

Prayers that our families and children will return to fill our church again with their smiles and giggles!

See you on August 1st, Pastor



Financial Report through June 2021

Through our first six months of 2021 our income exceeded our expenses versus our projected budget by \$15,599. This is due to our miscellaneous income being \$14,397 greater than anticipated. Our miscellaneous income includes \$33,675 which is the full amount of the 2nd PPP Loan we received.

Our expenses were \$2,326 less than expected. Savings from our personnel expenses and our ministries were the primary areas that resulted the expense savings.

On the income side our overall giving was \$660 less than our goal to date. Our Faithful Givers were \$636 greater than expected and our Pledgers were \$1,296 less than anticipated

We will continue to provide updates regarding our financial health throughout 2021.

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

Sincerely,
Your Finance Committee

Church Seeks New Treasurer

Effective January 1, 2022

If you or someone you know would consider this volunteer position, please speak to the Pastor or any member of the Nominations Committee : Tony Gazzillo, Ruth Carrara, Zorina D'Emilio, Barbara Ingra, Barbara Gordon, Jane Vogelsang.

The Treasurer is a member of the Finance Committee and Church Council. This position manages the financials of the

The following are the activities associated with the Treasurer's position:

- Signing of checks
- Determine how funds move between accounts
- Call in payroll for the staff every other Friday
- Manage the electronic giving through the Vanco web site.
- Creating the annual budget for the general church
- Support the annual church audit by providing transaction activity reports to the church auditor(s) annually
- Participate in finance and church council meetings. This includes providing financial reports which are reviewed at both meetings. Creating the monthly finance committee status for the VOICE.
- Provide data to be used in completing the annual conference reporting used for determining our Shared Ministry payments to the conference for the following year.

The monthly bill payment and deposits are entered into QuickBooks by the Office Manager.

The Office Manager also reconciles the bank statements for the general church accounts.

Is God nudging you to find out more? Please call me!

Pastor Viv



**It's not too early to
SAVE THE DATE**

16th Annual Golf Outing

Golfers Needed!

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Knoll West Country Club

Parsippany, NJ



CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

**Saturday August 21st
10am - 2pm (Rain Date August 22nd)**

An outreach of love for people with disabilities

The Overcomers

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All Proceeds will be given to support Rise Against Hunger and Christian Overcomers ministries. We need helpers to wash cars, dry cars, hold signs in the road, and, most importantly, to tell their friends and neighbors! Refreshments will be served. If any adult or any youth can help, please let Tracy Voca or Christie Pavlishin know. It should be a very fun and refreshing day!

Rise Against Hunger is driven by the vision of a world without hunger. Their mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources. riseagainsthunger.org

The Christian Overcomers, Inc. was incorporated in 1977 as a non-profit [501(c) (3)] organization based on 1 John 5:4: "...for everyone born of God overcomes the world." They continue to provide a camp ministry wherein people with developmental and/or physical disabilities can retreat from their homes and enjoy outdoor activities, nurture and develop friendships, and hear God's word. All camp staff are volunteers. The camp is held at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA in the Pocono Mountains, a facility that seeks to fulfill their mission to "point people to Christ." christian-overcomers.com

**To volunteer, contact Christie Pavlishin cpavlishin77@gmail.com or
Tracy Voca tmrvoca@msn.com**



Bridges Run and Lunches

Friday, August 20 at 6:15 PM

Contact Joan Olszewski if you can help with sandwich making or serving the food to the homeless. This run is to the Staten Island Ferry Terminal.

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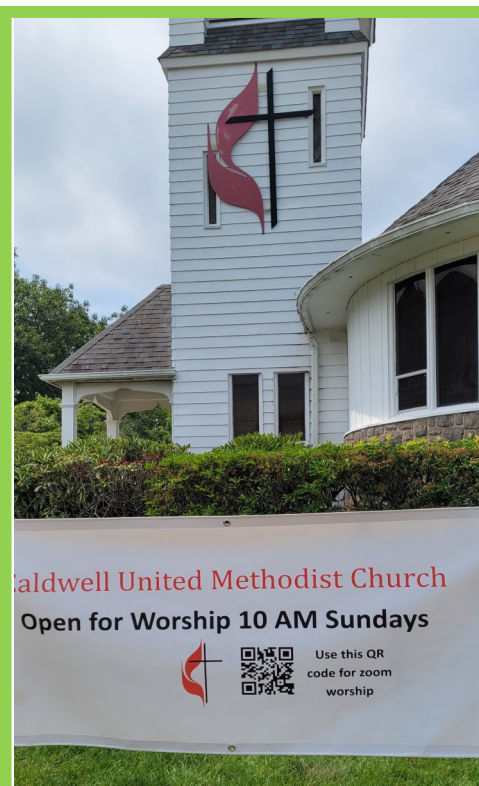


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SAFE SANCTUARY CERTIFIED CHURCH

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE-LIFT



Join us Sunday
mornings at 10 am
for joyful music,
preaching and prayers
✝
let God change your
life for the better.