



# THE VOICE

August 2025

## "There Is No Secret!"

Have you ever been tempted by a commercial promising the “secret” to success, wealth, or health? Social media and television are full of ads that try to convince us there’s a hidden formula out there—something most people don’t know—that will unlock a better, richer, more successful life. But the truth is: there is no secret.



The Bible tells us plainly, “*You reap what you sow*” (Galatians 6:7). That’s not a hidden mystery—it’s a spiritual and practical law of life. We see this truth at work in the world around us every day. One place I see this simple principle at work is in my little garden in the backyard. This past spring, I planted seeds for green peppers and lettuce, picturing in my mind an abundant harvest from this little garden. But if I neglect to water them, or only do it when I feel like it, the harvest will be sparse. It’s not complicated. There is no secret to enjoying an abundant harvest. It’s very simple. Just water them regularly and care for it every

day. The garden reflects the effort and care I give it.

Our spiritual lives are no different. There is no shortcut to deep faith. There is no “hack” for becoming more loving, more patient, or more like Christ. Spiritual growth, just like anything worthwhile in life, requires consistency, persistence, and endurance. We have to keep praying, keep showing up, keep trusting, and keep growing—even when we don’t feel like it. In other words, we need to water the spiritual garden in our hearts regularly through engaging in spiritual practices like worship, prayer, Bible study and service.

If there *is* a “secret” to greatness, it’s this: **don’t give up**. Whether it’s in your walk with God, your relationships, your health, or your calling—stay the course. No one becomes great in any area of life without perseverance. No athlete, entrepreneur, student, or saint got there overnight. There’s no magic—it’s about sowing faithfully, day by day, even in the hard seasons.

So, let me ask you: What do you want to become great at? What area of life is God calling you to press into with renewed persistence? What can you sow today that will lead to a better tomorrow?

Remember—there is no secret. Just keep going. Trust God. Keep watering the garden. You will reap a harvest in due time—if you do not give up.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

*Pastor Park*

### August Birthdays

August 12	Horatio Mercer
August 17	Bruce Ciccione
August 27	Carissa Stelter

### August Anniversaries

August 18, 2019	Alissa & Andrew Wallace
August 28, 1965	Tony & Karen Gazzillo



### Tea & Coffee Social

**Friday, August 22nd 9:30am-12:00pm**



Tea & Coffee Socials are hosted once a month by Dave & Rita Whetton as a time to share fellowship and conversation with our church family and neighbors. All are welcome.

Stop by any time between 9:30 am and 12:00 noon to enjoy a complimentary cup of tea or coffee and check out the array of fresh home baked goods as well as other items for sale.

***All the proceeds from sales go to the church.***



Food Cards for ShopRite, Foodtown and Stop & Shop are available to purchase. Order your Food Cards by calling the church office at 973-226-4410 or on our website: [caldwellchurch.org](http://caldwellchurch.org).

Every food card you buy benefits our church with 5% of the value of the card going to the church.



## Important Upcoming Event

### Caldwell United Methodist Church

#### 20th Annual Golf Outing

**Tuesday, September 23, 2024**

In partnership with

the West Essex First Aid Squad

Knoll West Country Club

Parsippany, NJ

To register as a golfer or for information about sponsorship opportunities contact Ken Ingra



Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or visit [caldwellchurch.org](http://caldwellchurch.org) to register for the golf outing.



## 20th Annual Golf Outing

Opportunities to place an ad in the Golf Ad Journal or become a hole sponsor for our Annual Golf Outing are available now. Please help support this important event that benefits Caldwell United Methodist Church and the West Essex First Aid Squad



Open Hearts, Open Minds,  
Open Doors.



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*(a portion of the proceeds will benefit the West Essex First Aid Squad)*



### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### Ad Journal Space Reservation

*(Reservation and Payment must be received by September 3, 2025)*

**\$200 - FULL PAGE**

**\$125 - 1/2 PAGE**

**- \$ 75 - 1/4 PAGE**

**All artwork must be submitted in print-ready format.**

**Ads can be emailed to [Caldwellumcnj@gmail.com](mailto:Caldwellumcnj@gmail.com)**

Company Name *(if applicable)* \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### **\_ Hole Sponsor - \$250 *(Payment must be received by September 3, 2025)***

In appreciation of your support of the CUMC Golf Outing, your Company name will appear on a premium display on one hole on the course; your Company name will appear in a sponsorship listing in the event program; opportunity to distribute Company products / literature in golfer giveaway bags.

Company Name *(if applicable)* \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Caldwell United Methodist Church, memo: Golf Outing. A portion of your donation may be tax deductible. Contact your tax advisor for more information. The CUMC is a 501(c)(3) organization (ID # 22-3373941).

Please send check to: Caldwell United Methodist Church — earmarked: Golf Outing  
c/o Ken Ingra, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, NJ 07006.

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**Church family, friends & neighbors enjoying coffee, tea and homebaked treats at the July Tea & Coffee Social. These monthly get-togethers are hosted by Dave & Rita Whetton. The next Social will be held on August 22nd. Drop in any time between 9:30am and 12:00 noon. All are welcome!**





To My Church Family

My family thanks all of you for the prayers for Katherine. Unfortunately, God had other plans for her and “took her Home” on Thursday, July 17th. Her parents are devastated; she was an only child and just 34 years old. Her parents, my daughter Alison and her husband William need your prayers now more than ever.

Bless you all and thanks again.

Midge



Dear Church Family,

I so appreciate all the prayers and kindness throughout my recovery from a fall and knee repair surgery.

Special thanks to Tracy Voca and anyone else who helped keep Fellowship coffee hour humming and to Gail Plumstead for taking over the flower ministry assisting with placing flowers on the altar for Sunday service.

I’m on the mend; not 100% yet but I am getting there. Hope to see everyone soon.

In Christian Love,

Louise Woodcox

The Board of Trustees is proud to announce the  
**2025 Dow Rich Memorial Scholarship Recipients**

**Alexis Narine**  
**Adrian Voca**  
**Isabel Voca**  
**Enzo Whetton**

Congratulations!



On Sunday, June 15 the Trustees were proud to present scholarships to Alexis Narine, Adrian Voca, Isabel Voca and Enzo Whetton. We wish them all the best as they prepare to start another year continuing their education.





**Caldwell Food Pantry**

**Shopping List**

**Canned Foods Needed  
Such As :**

Canned Tuna

Canned Beans

Canned Vegetables



Please place items on the  
table in our sanctuary  
narthex by  
September 1st

**Thank you!**



**"Thank you to all who donated to the Caldwell Food Pantry. Your generosity is a blessing to the 50+ families, seniors and disabled Caldwell residents who rely on the food pantry for nourishment."**



This is a friendly reminder from the Finance Committee that your continued financial support of the church during the summer months is appreciated and needed. Even though many of us take vacations during the summer, the budget still needs to be met. Faithful giving is the lifeblood of the church and with the various ways to give (electronic, mailed checks, etc.) we hope you will continue your support throughout the summer.





CALDWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# MEET AND GREET

**ROSALYN  
MCCLORE**

**SUNDAY  
AUGUST 24 @ 12**

Come and meet our new  
Worship Music Leader!  
Find out how wonderful she is and  
hear about future plans for music  
ministry at CUMC.







Caldwell United Methodist Church

## Roof Replacement 2025 Pledge Card

Over the next THREE years, we plan to give:

Weekly : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Annually : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I/We would like to designate this gift in memory or honor of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

"Then they said, 'Let us start building!' So they committed themselves to the common good." Nehemiah 2:18

### CUMC Roof Replacement Capital Campaign

The replacement of the roofs on the Sanctuary and Winans Auditorium has been completed.

The total cost of these roof replacements is \$132,000 and we have received \$36,000 in donations to date. Our goal is to raise an additional \$96,000 over a 3-year period to pay off a loan and replenish our investment accounts. Donations can be made with a check with the notation "2025 Roof Replacement Campaign" or through the online donations page selecting 2025 Roof Replacement Campaign. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

## Change for Change



Can you spare some change to help replace our old drinking fountain with a new fountain/water bottle filler combo? The goal? Filtered, cold , healthy water for all to enjoy. Please help us raise \$2000 by dropping a handful of coins into the large bottle on the buffet near the kitchen. You can also take an 8-ounce water bottle home for dimes. Did you know that when filled, that tiny water bottle carries \$40?

# August



# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						Saturday AA 10:00 pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship 10 am Communion Sunday AA 6:30 pm		Golf Outing meeting 7:30 pm				Saturday AA 10:00 pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship 10 am Sunday AA 6:30 pm						Saturday AA 10:00 pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship 10 am Sunday AA 6:30 pm		Ad Council meeting 7:30 pm		Essex Photo Club 7 pm	Tea & Coffee Social 9:30 am	Saturday AA 10:00 pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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**Caldwell United Methodist Church**

*Life is Better Together!*



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**SAFE SANCTUARY CERTIFIED CHURCH**

**HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE-LIFT** at Academy Road Entrance

FRIEND US ON 



**Worship with us  
Sundays at 10 am**

**Invite a friend or family  
member to join  
in worship**

