



# THE VOICE

January 2022



"DO NOT GET LOST IN A SEA OF DESPAIR. BE HOPEFUL, BE OPTIMISTIC. OUR STRUGGLE IS NOT THE STRUGGLE OF A DAY, A WEEK, A MONTH, OR A YEAR, IT IS THE STRUGGLE OF A LIFETIME. NEVER, EVER BE AFRAID TO MAKE SOME NOISE AND GET IN GOOD TROUBLE, NECESSARY TROUBLE."

- JOHN LEWIS

**Dear Friends,**

**Instead of resolutions this year, let's make troubles.**

Yes, you heard me correctly! Troubles... "*good troubles*" that is, as civil rights legend John Lewis put it so well. In that same tone, this week's edition of The Economist shared a wonderful obituary for Bishop Desmond Tutu under the banner headline:

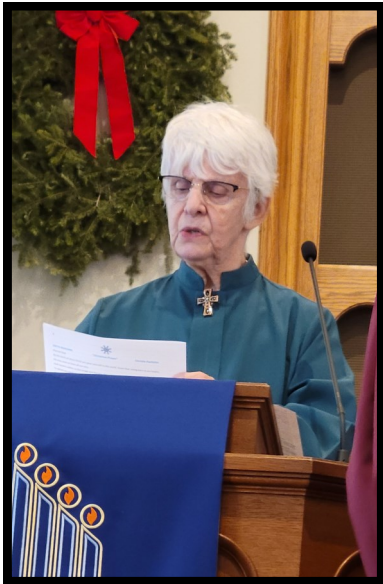
"Troublemaker in a Cassock." As I read about the struggles and accomplishments of both these brave men, I am reminded how God can take our struggles and bring something good out of them.

We have struggled mightily with covid-19 these past two years. Deaths, fear, hospitalizations, long term effects, politicization of scientific facts. Likewise we continue to struggle with poverty, institutional racism, financial downturns, people turning away from religion, and a general feeling of malaise as we find it hard to find brightness and happiness again after the pandemic. In the months ahead, let's try to embrace Lewis' words.

**Be hopeful. Be optimistic. Never be afraid. Make some noise. Get into some good trouble!**

It will be a long road home from the pandemic. But God's promises are true. Please pray that as people of faith we will live up to our reputations as "good trouble makers." **Happy New Year! Pastor Viv**

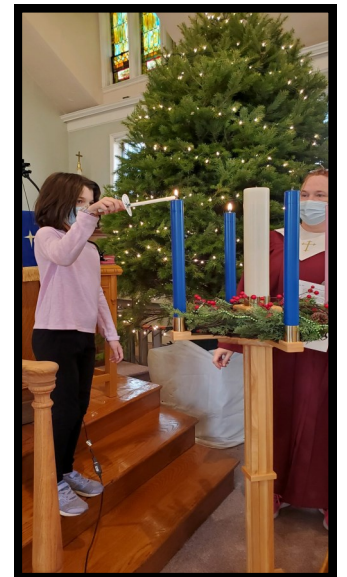




**“Glad Tidings of Great Joy” Cantata**  
**Sunday, December 19, 2021**





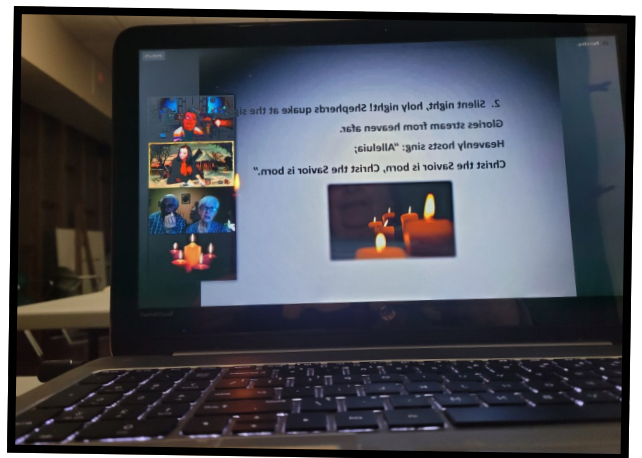


**More Advent  
and Christmas  
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# Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service In Person and Zoom





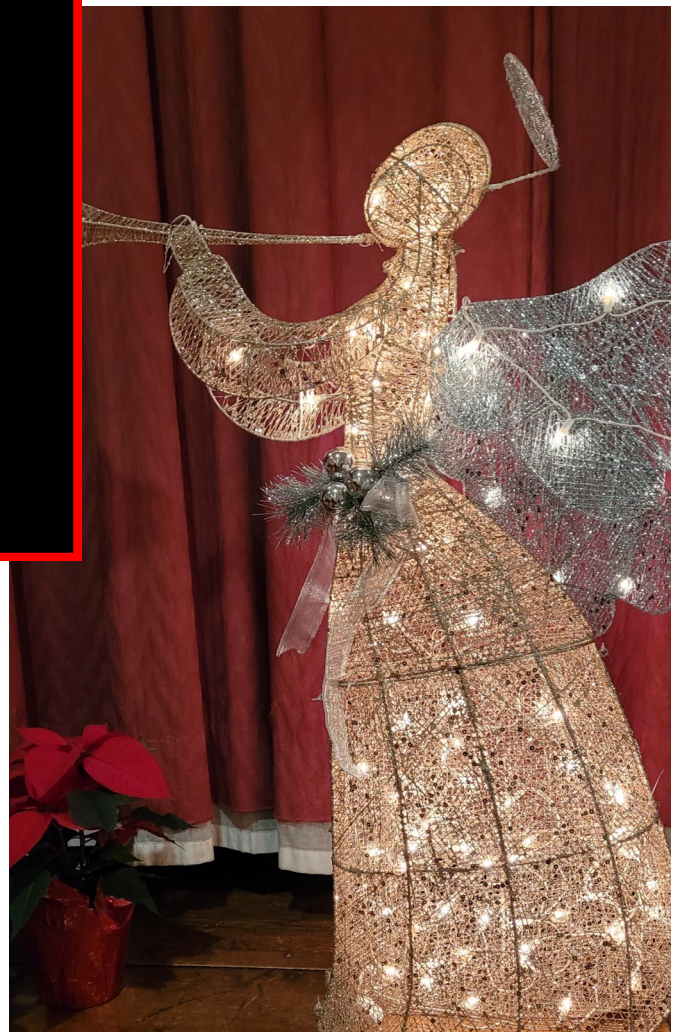
# Women's Fellowship Christmas Dinner







**Candles were lit as we shared Christmas memories.**





## January Birthdays

January 5	Tyler Inglis
January 6	Christine Ciccione
January 8	Gail Plumstead
January 14	Jennifer Earley
January 21	Kathy Dolce
January 29	Mitchell Waddington

## January Anniversaries

January 13 Myrtle & John Connell

## Thank Yous to the Congregation

"Merry Christmas and thank you so much for making me feel so special and very much a part of the church family!!!" **Irene Robinson, Sexton**

"Robb and I thank you for the many expressions of love, cards and kind gifts that we have received this holiday season. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Likewise, thank you for helping me celebrate my special birthday with cards, cake and fellowship!" **Pastor Viv**

"Thank you for the cards & gifts but most of all thank you for including me in your church family. A happy, healthy and safe new year to everyone!" **Ellen Elcavage, secretary**

## Caring Tree Thank You



Thanks to our warm-hearted and generous CUMC family, 36 gift boxes were filled with \$20 Shop Rite gift cards for local residents in need. That's a total of \$720! Maria Burak, director of the Caldwell Food Pantry, is most grateful. Thank you, all!

## Thanks & Christmas Wishes

"Thank you so much for your continued support of Sunday Night AA. It has made a difference in countless families. Merry Christmas." **Sunday Night AA**

## Thank you from Weehawken

"Thank you so much for supporting us this year. May God bless you all this Christmas and into the New Year" **Your Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Park UMC**



On November 13, 2021, two shifts of over 100 volunteers gathered at Caldwell UMC to package 17,712 nutritious dried meals. We've received word from Rise Against Hunger that the meals were shipped to Haiti where so many experience food insecurity. Thank you to all who participated and supported this wonderful community event!







## **Poinsettias Have Been Give to the Glory of God in Memory of**

Carl Bagnall by the Hansen Family

My beloved husband, David by Doreen Boyer

My beloved husband, Donald Calvin by Ann Calvin

Our parents Carl & Doris Rodeffer by Pastor Viv & Robb McCombe

and Grace & Tom McCombe

Janet Lettsome by Aisha Lettsome & family

My parents, Lavinia & Norman Moeller by L. Paige Moeller

My husband by Ruth Carrera

Linda Higashi by Michelle Sauer

Loved ones by Jan & John Taylor

Barbara & Michael Molisso by Ken & Barbara Ingra

Ann & Charles Ingra by Ken & Barbara Ingra

Jefferson W. Woodcox and by Louise Woodcox

Rachel & John Rotter and Jack & Eileen Rotter

Joe Elcavage by the Dubinski family

Jerry & Patti Schuler by the Jill Land

Loved ones by Jackie Davidson

George Stanton by Janet Pohlman Stanton



## **Poinsettias Have Been Give to the Glory of God in Honor of**

Our daughters, Robin & Susan by Pastor Viv & Robb McCombe

[My children & grandchildren by the Doreen Boyer](#)

Our grandson, Johnny Fisher by Pastor Viv & Robb McCombe

[My grandchildren: by Jane Vogelsang](#)

[Hunter, Hailey, Max & Alex](#)

Frank Stephen Sauer by Michele Sauer

[Family & friends by Cathy & Doug Wallace](#)

Our grandchildren: by Ken & Barbara Ingra

Sean, Connor, Emma, Sebastian & River

[Our daughter, Michelle and her husband, Tim by Ken & Barbara Ingra](#)

[And our son, Anthony and his wife, Flora](#)

Laura Elcavage by the Dubinski Family

## **Wreaths Have Been Given to the Glory of God In Memory of**

[My parents, Lavinia & Norman Moeller by L. Paige Moeller](#)

Janet Lettsome by Aisha Lettsome & Family

[Loved ones by Jan & John Taylor](#)

## **The Tree Has Been Given to the Glory of God In Memory of**

Their Son Todd by Joyce & Sal Francavilla

## **The Advent Wreath Holder Has been Given to the Glory of God**

by Joan Olszewski

## **Narthex Window Candles Have Been Given to the Glory of God**

By Tracy Voca



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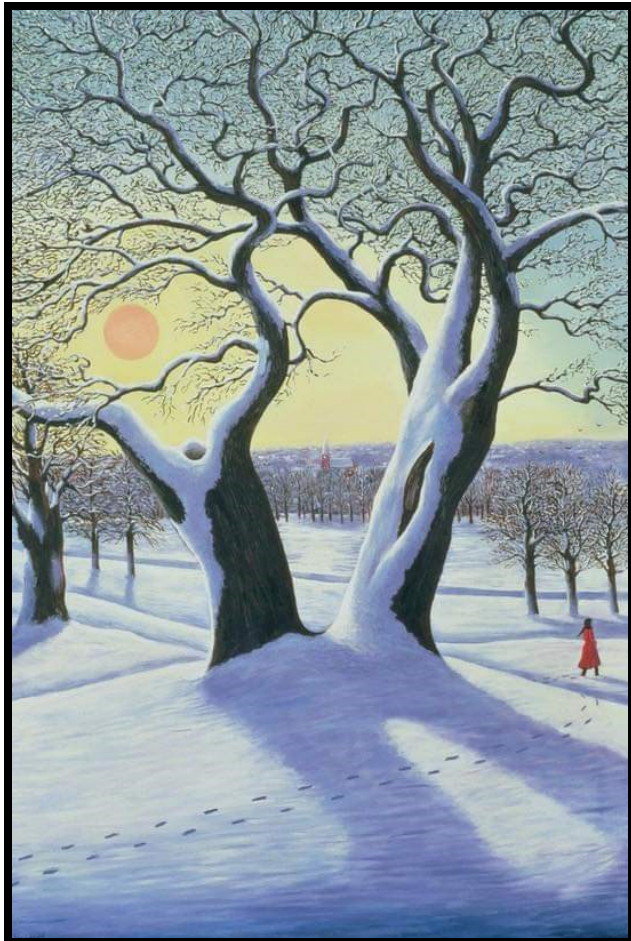


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**Sunday Worship at 10 AM**

**Zoom and In Person**

Our zoom link for worship is below. It may be cold and frosty outside but God's spirit is warm and inviting in worship!

